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AUSTRALIA LOSES TWO WICKETS.

ENGLAND PROSPER IN MORNING.

KIPPAX AND RYDER SENT BACK EARLY.

VERY EVEN POSITION.

England's cause prospered in the Third Test Match at Melbourne this morning, two wickets falling before lunch for the addition of only 50 runs. Splendid bowling kept the Australian scoring down, a curious fact being that the successful bowlers were Tate and Geary, though all England's stock bowlers have now taken a wicket.

Ten thousand people were present at the restart, which took place in sultry weather.

A shilling fund has been started in Melbourne on behalf of Hammond as a memorial for his wonderful achievement in scoring a double century in successive Test innings. A picture of Hammond will be found on another page.

Interesting Position.

When play was resumed this morning, the position was extremely interesting. Obviously, it was anyone's game. The collapse of England's tall yesterday upset all calculations, and the comparatively negligible lead of 20 had before the day's end been converted into a deficit of 98 runs, costing Australia two wickets.

Victor Richardson again failed miserably, scoring 5 as against 3 in the first innings, while Henry did very little better, though he helped to put on 63 for the second wicket.

Woodfull batted steadily and confidently, while Kippax rendered him good support.

The pair, Woodfull (64) and Kippax (34) took their place at a wicket which was showing signs of wearing this morning—the fifth day of the match. The ball occasionally turns, and more often keeps low.

Slow Scoring.

Runs came extremely slowly. Tate and Larwood bowling brilliantly. Kippax was always in difficulties, and was kept on the defensive, scoring even less rapidly than his solid partner.

Twenty runs had been added when Australia suffered their first mishap, Kippax being bowled by Tate. Kippax had added only seven runs to his overnight score, while Woodfull had been making 13.

Kippax played outside a fast ball from Tate which nipped off his balls very quickly. He had been batting for 94 minutes for his 41 runs, and had hit four 4's.

Five runs later, Woodfull not having scored at all, Ryder was also dismissed. He failed to get hold of a ball from Geary, and played on.

Woodfull and Bradman played until lunch without being separated, Woodfull giving a splendid display, indicating that he will almost certainly get his century.

At lunch, Australia were 113 runs on with six wickets to fall.—*Reuter.*

Australia—2nd Innings.

Woodfull not out 90
Richardson, b Larwood 5
Henry, b Duckworth, b White 12
Kippax, b Tate 41
Ryder, b Geary 5
Bradman not out 9
Extras 6

Total (for 4 wks.) 168

Fall of wickets: 1 for 7 (Richardson); 2 for 60 (Henry); 3 for 138 (Kippax); 4 for 143.

England—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Jardine, b Tate 7
V. Richardson, c Duckworth, b Larwood 5
H. L. Hendry, c Jardine, b Larwood 28
A. P. Kippax, c Jardine, b Larwood 100
J. B. Ryder, c Hendry, b Tate 112
D. Bradman, b Hammond 70
W. A. Oldfield, c Geary, b Hendry 8
E. L. Aitken, c Duckworth, b White 41
E. M. O'Brien, b Geary 18
C. V. Grimmett, c Duckworth, b Geary 5
D. Blackie, not out 2
Extras 2
Total 397

Bowling Analysis.

Larwood 37 3 127 2
Tate 17 1 27 2
Geary 31.5 4 68 2
Hammond 8 4 19 2
White 87 30 64 2
Jardine 1 10 —

HANKOW IN PERIL FROM FENG?

CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S MEN ON THE MARCH.

NEW WAR IN YANGTZE

Hankow, Jan. 2.
A sensational prospect, the rumours of which have not been confirmed, is conveyed by a report reaching the British naval authorities to the effect that Marshal Feng Yu-shiang's troops are marching on Hankow.

It is presumed, if the unconfirmed story is based on fact, that this is one of the first military moves against the Kwangsi Clique. It is stated that General Li Chung-yen, who has gone to Nanking in connexion with the Disarmament Conference will not be allowed to return to Hankow.

It is notable in connexion with this story that considerable troop movement and drilling are taking place, while properties recently evacuated by troops after Consular protests, have again been occupied. The amalgamation of the Special Administrative Districts No. 1 and No. 2 into the Wuhan Municipality has been accomplished and is the subject of a long protest by the Chamber of Commerce.

The ex-British Concession now remains the only Special District. H.M.S. Tern, with s.s. Kingwo has arrived at Chungking in the Upper Yangtze.—*Naval Wireless.*

REPARATION HEAD UNPOPULAR.

GERMANY OBJECTS TO ROSY PORTRAYAL.

HER ABILITY TO PAY.

Berlin, Jan. 2.
Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparations, has not made himself popular by any means, by the comments in his annual report, portraying the rosy condition of the German economic situation.

Germany, at the present time, when the interested Powers have agreed to appoint experts to go into the problem of reparations to decide how much Germany is to pay, is not pleased, apparently, to be regarded as prosperous.

The publication of the report, which again consists of criticism of the sweeping increases in official salaries and pensions, and suggests a means of saving hundreds of millions of marks, is the subject of editorial comment in the majority of the German newspapers, and it is almost unanimously affirmed that Mr. Parker Gilbert's declaration of the sound economical position of Germany is unjustified and unfair, because, the newspapers say, his remarks are likely to create an erroneous impression in the minds of the new Committee of Experts.—*Reuter.*

INFLUENZA SWEEPS AMERICA.

OVER HALF MILLION CASES REPORTED.

New York, Jan. 2.
An influenza epidemic is sweeping the country, over half a million cases having been already reported. The health authorities, who are kept extremely busy in coping with this outbreak, are further alarmed by the discovery of a number of cases of influenza being followed by sleep sickness.—*Reuter's American Service.*

England—1st Innings.

J. B. Holbe, c Oldfield, b Aitken 20
H. L. Hendry, b Blackie 28
W. B. Hammond, c Aitken, b Blackie 50
A. P. Kippax, b Blackie 64
E. Hendry, c Aitken, b Hendry 39
D. R. Jardine, c and b Blackie 62
H. Larwood, c and b Blackie 6
G. Geary, b Grimmett 1
G. Duckworth, b Blackie 1
M. Tate, c Kippax, b Grimmett 21
J. C. White, not out 8
Extras 2
Total 417

Bowling Analysis.

Aitken 37 3 127 2
Hendry 20 8 45 1
Grimmett 57 14 114 2
O'Brien 25 11 97 5
Blackie 44 14 14 —
Ryder 4 14 —

THE BUCKET SHOP SCANDAL.

DUC D'AYEN ARRESTED IN PARIS.

FICTITIOUS SHARE PURCHASE ALLEGATIONS.

FINANCIAL PRESS.

Paris, Jan. 2.
A fresh development in the sensational *Gazette du Franc* scandal occurred to-day, the Duc D'Ayen, one of the directors of the *Interpresse*, another financial paper alleged to be concerned in the swindle, being arrested.

Duc D'Ayen has been indicted on a charge of swindling and abuse of confidence.

He was interrogated this morning by the Examining Magistrate in the *Gazette du Franc* case, and described his relations with Madame Hanau, the leading figure in the bucket-shop allegations.

Fictitious Subscriptions.

It is alleged that Le Duc D'Ayen fictitiously subscribed for shares in various undertakings under her auspices for the sum of 1,830,000 francs.

After a lengthy cross-examination, Le Duc was allowed to leave, his liberty having been granted provisionally.

It will be recalled that M. Gillof, the managing director of the *Interpresse* was arrested on Boxing Day for alleged association in the *Gazette* scandal.

The Police are still conducting a vigorous investigation of the affair, and further arrests are not unlikely.—*Reuter.*

Attack on Government.

A characteristic attack on the Government in connexion with the affair was recently made by *Humanite*, which accuses Ministers and the "whole regime" of being in league with the swindlers.

The paper reproduces the *Gazette des Nations*, which was issued as a supplement of the *Gazette du Franc* of April 14, 1928, with photographs of M. Poincare, M. Leygues, and M. Hennessy, and a letter of commonplace encouragement from the Prime Minister on its political policy.

The following text is printed below by *Humanite*: "One sees the 'pacifist' (!) autograph of M. Poincare serving as a flag to cover the trade of the Rue de Provence. Above, M. Leygues, one of the Ministers who collaborated with the *Gazette*; below M. Hennessy, Minister of Agriculture, who profited in the *Quotidien* by the money extorted from 60,000 French men and women."

"We can understand after that why Pierre Audoubert, the director of the *Gazette du Franc et des Nations* is not prosecuted."

"The plain fact, of course, is that in April of this year no one was aware of the shady financial transactions carried on behind the facade of the *Gazette du Franc*."

Deputy's Charges.

M. Chastanet, the Socialist deputy who has put down an interpellation on the subject, said he would give the names of politicians implicated to M. Poincare. In fact, however, he only sent one name to the Prime Minister, that of M. Henry Pate, Under Secretary for Physical Culture, and the only charge against M. Pate is that before joining the Government he was director of a land developing company, from the Board of which he at once resigned on becoming Under Secretary.

M. Poincare has written to M. Chastanet asking if he has any more names to give and deprecating loose general charges.

SCHOOLBOY CHASE OF SNATCHER.

EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED IN GENEVA.

LADS CONGRATULATED

Major C. Wilson inflicted a smart sentence this morning on a Chinese who was convicted on a charge of snatching from Mrs. E. M. Hazeland a handbag containing \$200 and a cheque.

The incident occurred yesterday afternoon at 2.15, when Mrs. Hazeland was walking down Genevally in the company of her daughter, Mrs. Millet.

The defendant crept up stealthily from behind, and with a violent jerk, gained possession of the bag and started to make off.

Mrs. Hazeland immediately gave chase and at the same time shouted to a group of schoolboys who were near at hand. The boys will

ARNHOLD BURGLARY LATEST.

Thoroughbred Airdale Poisoned.

JEWELLERY UNINSURED.

Shanghai, Jan. 2.
It is learned that in the course of the sensational burglary at the home of Mr. Harry Arnhold, on New Year's morning, the raiders poisoned a thoroughbred Airedale terrier.

The amount of the haul is now placed at over \$120,000 in jewellery alone, including a superb necklace.

Servants were in the house throughout the robbery, but enquiries have shown that they were unaware of the proceedings.

Mrs. Arnhold's loss is a heavy one, the jewellery was not covered by insurance.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

ingly joined in the chase and they soon overtook the defendant. The bag was recovered intact.

When the conduct of these boys was related to the Magistrate, his Worship said: "The boys are to be highly commended for their prompt and courageous action, and they have set an example which I hope will always be followed should occasion arise. They are a credit to their school."

The snatcher was sentenced to six months' hard labour and twelve strokes.

STARTLING INCIDENT AT K.B.G.C.

REVOLVER SHOT SMASHES WINDOW-PANE.

A curious incident occurred last night at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

At about 7 p.m. a report was heard, followed by a sound of falling glass. The sound appeared to be from the direction of Cox's Road.

The police were communicated with, and on investigation found that a pane of window glass, facing Cox's Road had a small hole in it as if made by a revolver bullet of small calibre. A search by the police failed to discover any bullet.

Enquiries were made from the ricksha coolies in the vicinity but none appeared to have heard the report.

MARTIAL LAW IN MANCHURIA.

PRECAUTIONARY MOVE BY MILITARY.

Peking, Jan. 2.
It is reported from Mukden that in order to ensure peace and order in Manchuria following the decision to acknowledge allegiance to the Nanking Government, the military authorities in the Provinces of Fengtien, Kirin, Heilungkiang and Jehol have imposed martial law.

COURT DISCUSSES FASHIONS.

LADY'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

LAUNCH FIRE WHICH RUINED HER SKIRT.

FAILURE OF CLAIM.

Ladies' fashions in general and short skirts in particular were discussed in the Summary Court this morning by Mr. Justice Jackson and Mr. J. T. Prior, during the hearing of a case in which Miss Georgia Gale, of St. Francis Hotel, sued Cie de Messageries Maritimes, Queen's Buildings, for \$200, Miss Gale claimed the money as damage to a coat which she was wearing when being transported from the s.s. Paul Lecat to the shore on a launch provided by the defendant Company, when the launch caught on fire and a burning piece of material fell on to the shoulder of the coat. She alleged negligence by the Company's servants.

Mr. J. T. Prior conducted the case for Miss Gale, who was not present in Court, and Mr. H. C. Macnamara defended.

Mr. Prior said that she was not calling any evidence and the only evidence he was producing was by the plaintiff which had been taken *de bene esse*.

Coat Ruined.
Stating the facts, Mr. Prior continued that Miss Gale arrived by the s.s. Paul Lecat on or about October 22 last year. The ship anchored in mid-stream and the plaintiff, together with others, boarded a launch which took them ashore. When the launch reached a spot about halfway between the liner and the shore, for some reason which could only be guessed, the launch caught ablaze. The outbreak occurred, unfortunately, over Miss Gale's head. A burning piece of stuff fell on Miss Gale who was wearing a tailored cloth coat, waistcoat and skirt, and scorched the shoulder of the coat.

Although the damage was very slight it was sufficient to ruin the coat. The skirt and waistcoat were undamaged.

What exactly happened when the fire broke out it was difficult to say, as the first thing that Miss Gale knew was that she was seized by the coxswain, who pulled her out of the way. The fire was soon put out, and as far as they knew, no further damage was done.

The Obvious Cause.
Referring to Mr. Macnamara's cross-examination when Miss Gale's evidence was taken, Mr. Prior said that Miss Gale admitted she merely conjectured that the fire was caused by a spark from the smoke stack of the launch, because that was, in her opinion, the obvious cause of the accident.

Mr. Macnamara also put it to plaintiff that the fire might just as well have been caused by a cigarette or cigar end being thrown on to the awning by some careless person on the s.s. Paul Lecat when the launch was lying alongside.

Mr. Prior then went on to deal with the law on the question, saying that there was a burden on the defendant Company to exercise care, and it was Mr. Macnamara's duty to show that every care was taken to avoid fire.

In dealing with the measure of damage, Mr. Prior said it was true that the clothes were 18 months' old, but they were expected to last a long time as they had been tailored by one of the best ladies' tailors in London. In this connexion, Mr. Prior recalled that Miss Gale was attired in clothes of a similar cut but different colour, made by the same tailor, when she gave her evidence. She then looked very smart, but those clothes were eight years' old.

Changing Fashions.

His Lordship:—Haven't fashions changed considerably of late years? I thought no lady would be seen in any garment of eight years ago?

Mr. Prior:—She would in these tailor-made clothes.

His Lordship (smilingly):—I am not an authority?

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WHOLE NATION OFF TO SCHOOL.

TURKEY LEARNING THE LATIN ALPHABET.

OLD & YOUNG ALIKE.

Constantinople, Jan. 2.
The remarkable spectacle was witnessed in Turkey yesterday of the whole nation going back to school.

Men and women, old and young, were peremptorily summoned to the class-room to learn the new Latin alphabet, and even grey-beards shuffled along to revive their youthful memories, whilst women nursing babies came to learn the A.B.C.

The national schools for general instruction in the new characters were opened with an impressive ceremony. Speeches were delivered referring to the benefit likely to follow the new revolution in letters.

It has been arranged to give a year's instruction in reading and writing the new characters to two-thirds of the whole population of the country.

A message from Angora states that Turkey has been plunged into mourning by the death, from appendicitis, of Nedjati Bey, the Minister of Education, who was prominently identified with the adoption of the Latin alphabet.—*Reuter.*

NEW UPHEAVAL IN JUGO-SLAVIA.

PREMIER RESIGNS AFTER GOVERNMENT SPLIT.

SERB-CROAT QUARREL.

Belgrade, Jan. 2.
Another political upheaval has occurred, in Jugo-Slavia as a direct development of the serious rioting at Zagreb on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the political re-union of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

The tension between Belgrade and Zagreb consequent upon the shooting of Croatian deputies in the Skupstina last June was further aggravated by this trouble, and a definite split on the Serb-Croat quarrel has since developed in the Coalition Ministry.

The Democrats are reported to be in favour of conciliating the Croats, who have now imposed a boycott of the Belgrade Parliament.

Radical and other Coalitionists are equally firm in their opposition of conciliation.

No solution seems possible and Father Koroshetz, the Premier, has tendered his resignation to King Alexander. This has been accepted and the Coalition Ministry is thereby brought to an end.—*Reuter.*

INDIA GOVERNMENT LOAN.

MAY HELP BRITISH INDUSTRIES.

London, Jan. 2.

Underwriting was arranged to-day for a new India Government loan of £10,000,000 in four a half per cent. 1958-68 stock. The issue price will be 91 per cent.

The new issue constitutes the largest overseas loan for some time, and as the money raised is largely for railway purposes, it should be a help to the iron and steel industry in the country.—*British Wireless.*

THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF NIAGARA FALLS.

TREATY SIGNED FOR DUE PRESERVATION.

Washington, Jan. 2.
The State Department has announced that an American-Canadian Treaty has been signed for the construction of works on the Niagara River, in the neighbourhood of the falls, in order to maintain and improve the scenic beauty of the falls and rapids.—*Reuter's American Service.*

KING TAKES TURN FOR BETTER.

REASSURING OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

DOCTORS SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS.

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT.

London, Jan. 2.
A feeling of greater, though still restrained, confidence prevails regarding the King. A fact which is regarded as reassuring is that His Majesty's doctors did not return to the Palace this afternoon as has been the custom of late.

This was regarded as somewhat surprising in view of the doubtful nature of the morning bulletin, which stated:

"Despite a restless night, the condition of the King remains unchanged from yesterday evening."

Three doctors were in consultation at Buckingham Palace this evening, and at 8.15 p.m., the following bulletin was authorised:

"The King has passed a good day and there is a slight improvement in His Majesty's condition."

(Signed) Stanley Hewitt, Hugh M. Rigby, Dawson of Penn.

To-night's bulletin is regarded as more satisfactory after the small interruption in progress noted in the morning bulletin. The fact that the doctors did not return in the afternoon seems to indicate that they were confident of a better position this evening.

The King apparently continues to make slow progress as was hoped.

Less Tense.

There was a less tense atmosphere at the Palace to-night though as yet optimism must be subdued, and anxiety continues.

Drs. Howitt and Woods did not call at the Palace to-night. This is the second day, therefore, that the ultra-violet ray treatment has been discontinued.

A medical authority explains that calcium, which is now being administered to the King is a well proven specific in cases of thinness of the blood stream. It has a clotting effect on the blood and therefore prevents bleeding.

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Pulling Through.

In a reassuring statement about the King's condition made by Sir William Joynson Hicks, the Home Secretary, as he left Victoria Station to-day for the Riviera, he said, "I am glad to say the King has taken a turn for the better. He is slowly pulling through. If the King had not been better I should certainly not have left London."

"I saw Lord Dawson late last night and he assured me that both he and his colleagues were satisfied now with the progress the King was making. The progress must of necessity be slow, but it is continued."

"I feel the worst of the illness is over, and there is every reason to hope a slow but gradual improvement will take place."—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

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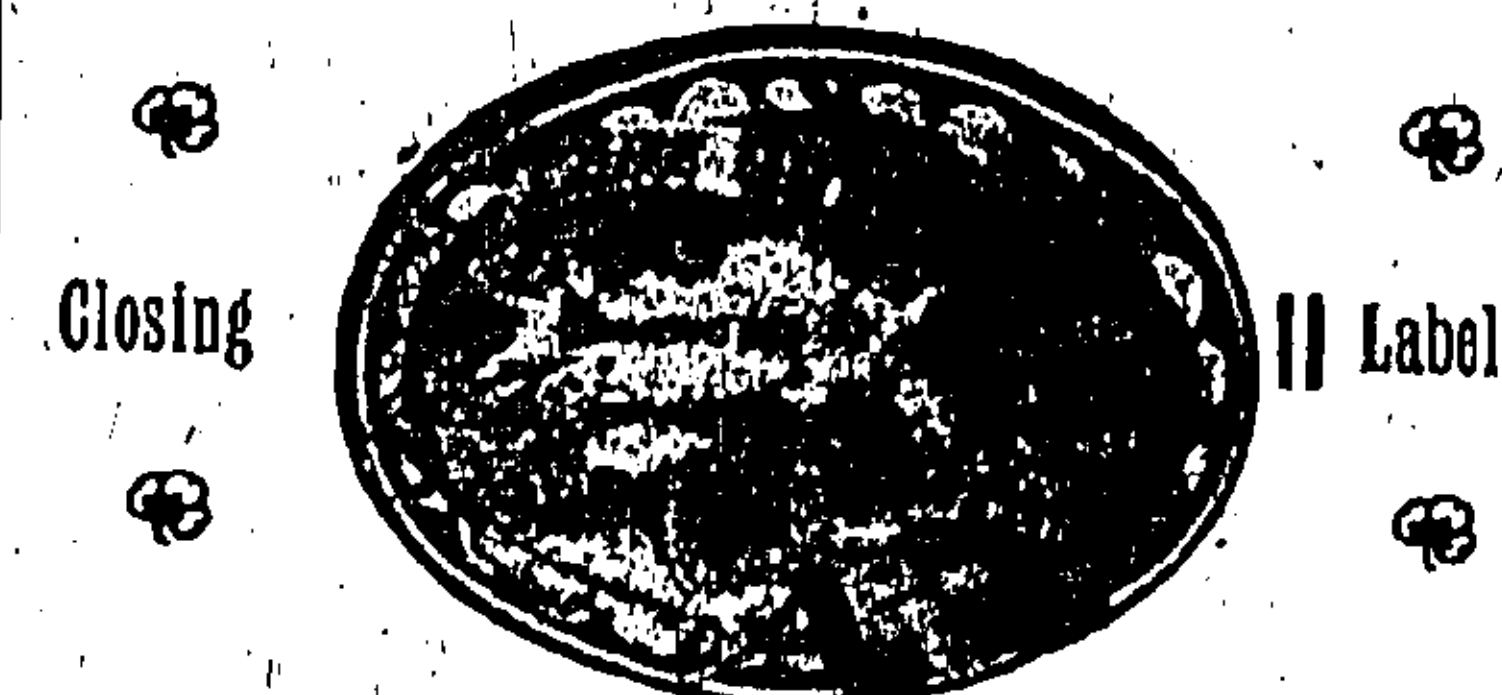
Paris, Jan. 2.
M. Lucien Saint, the Resident-General in Tunisia has been appointed Resident-General in Morocco while M. Manceron, the Prefect of Meuse, has been appointed to the Residency of Tunisia.—*Reuter.*

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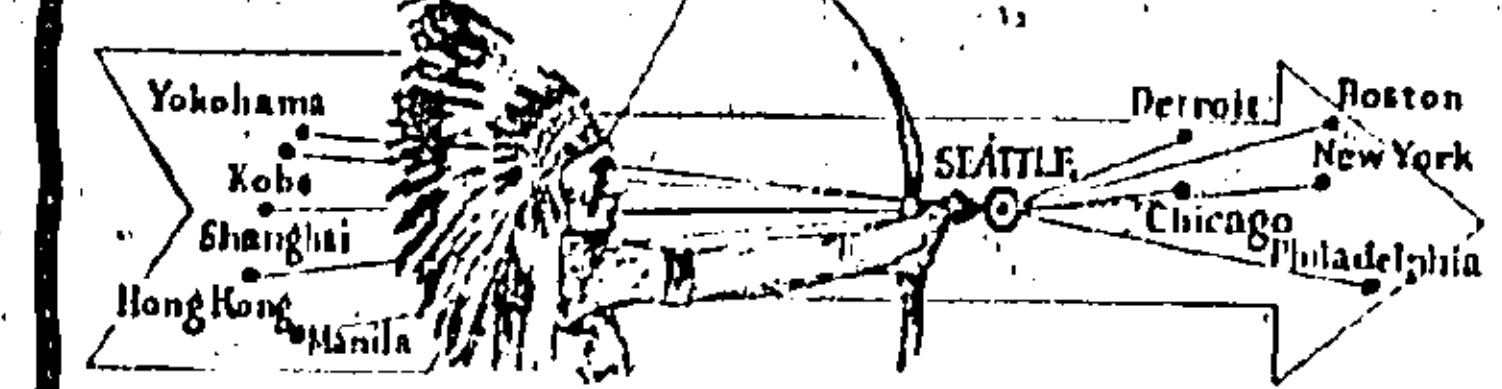
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8 p.m. Evening Programme. (Victor and H. M. V. Records).

"Out of the Night," Percy Hemling, Baritone.
"The Yeoman's Wedding," Percy Hemling, Baritone.
"Come Unto Him," Rachel Morton, Soprano.
"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," Rachel Morton, Soprano.
"Country Dance," Nell Gwyn, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.
"Pastoral Dance," Nell Gwyn, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.
"Ah Moon Of My Dilemma," Tudor Davies, Tenor.
"On Wings Of Song," Tudor Davies, Tenor.
"The Mill Wheel," Robert Radford, Bass.
"The Sergeant's Song," Robert Radford, Bass.
"Jean," John Turner, Tenor.
"Thank God For A Garden," John Turner, Tenor.
"Deep In My Heart Dear," Fritz Kreisler.
"Indian Love Call," Fritz Kreisler.
"Spanish Caprice," Blusky Korshakov.
"Gems from Tip-Top," San Francisco Symphony Orch.
"Gems from Merry-Merry," Victor Light Opera Company.
"Ay-Ay-Ay," Tito Schipa, Tenor.
"Cancion Andaluza," Tito Schipa, Tenor.
"Elli, Elli," (My Lord, My Lord) Victor Salon Orchestra.
"Kol Nidre," (All Vows) Victor Salon Orchestra.
"Tales from the Vienna Woods," Waltz, International Concert Orch.
"Brigg Fair," Delius, London Symphony Orchestra.
"Bavarian Dance," On 27, Elgar, London Symphony Orchestra.
"Over The Waves," Waltz, International Concert Orchestra.
"Danube Waves," Waltz, International Concert Orchestra.
"News Bulletin," Dance Music.
"God Save The King," Close Down.

Renewal of Licences.

The public are notified that all Wireless Receiving Licences issued during 1928 expired December 31, 1928.

Licences may be obtained at the Licensing Section of the Government Radio Office of the ground floor of the P. and O. Building in Des Voeux Road Central.

The licensing fee for the Current Year is \$5.
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SMALL-POX OUTBREAK.

SEVENTY-THREE CASES REPORTED LAST WEEK.

During last week, 73 cases of small-pox were reported to the Medical Officer of Health, 51 occurring in Kowloon and 22 in Hongkong. Three of the victims were British and one Japanese, the remaining 69 being Chinese, one of them being imported.

There were 38 deaths from small-pox.

Since the beginning of November no less than 416 cases have been reported and 163 of the victims have died. The following table gives the weekly total:

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	29
December 22	81	22
December 29	73	38
	416	163

Four cases of diphtheria (one British, one Eurasian and two Chinese) and two Chinese cases of enteric fever were also reported.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

PROGRAMME FOR OPENING DAY ON SATURDAY.

The Committee has issued the programme for the opening day of the Agricultural Show, which will take place on Saturday, at 3 p.m. The Show will be continued on the following day.

Judging will commence at 10.30 a.m. on the first day and is expected to be concluded by noon when the grounds will be open to the public.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., who will perform the opening ceremony, and be accompanied by Mrs. Southern, Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C. and Mr. W. R. Scott, private secretary, will arrive at the exhibition ground at 2.50 p.m. His Excellency and party will be received at the entrance by the Chairman of the Committee, the Hon. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mr. Fung Kel-chouk and others representing the reception committee.

The members of the general committee, among whom there are a large number of the village elders from every district in the New Territories, will then be introduced to His Excellency. Following the introduction, His Excellency will be conducted to a platform in front of the exhibition building. The formal part of the proceedings will commence with a speech by Sir Robert Ho Tung, to which His Excellency will reply.

There will be a distribution of special prizes and certificates of honour to all who will participate in the Show.

Special Train Fares.

The Hon. Mr. Southern and Mrs. Southern will then be conducted over the grounds for inspection of the exhibits which will be staged according to the classification in the respective sheds, of which there are eight.

Tea and refreshments will be served on the grounds throughout the afternoon by the management of the Castle Peak Restaurant at moderate prices.

As will be seen from the advertisement columns, the Railway management has made a substantial reduction on the ordinary fares for the return journey to and from Sheung Shui. Visitors travelling by the 12.10 or the 1.15 p.m. train from Kowloon will arrive at Sheung Shui in time for the opening ceremony. Return trains will leave Sheung Shui halt at 4.46 p.m. and 5.56 p.m. for Kowloon, the latter is the last train. Sailors and soldiers in uniform and school children will be admitted to the Exhibition free.

Exhibits and Exhibitors.

The following list gives the numbers of exhibits and exhibitors from each district:

Places	Exhibits	Exhibitors
Sha Tin	574	76
Lam Chuen		
Tai Po	82	15
Sha Tsoi Kok	126	18
Fanling, Sheung Shui	1267	135
Sun Tin		
Kum Tin		
Pai Heung	743	87
Sun Pat Heung		
Ping Shan		
Mong Chang	1389	149
Tuen Moon	468	56
Cheun Wan	126	17
Kowloon and Yau-mat	283	44
	5,058	586

last week. There were three deaths from enteric.

The return for December 31 and New Year's day gives 13 cases of small-pox, all from Kowloon, and one of diphtheria. All were Chinese.

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SMALL-POX CASE.

FAILURE TO NOTIFY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES.

That he unlawfully did, knowing or having reason to believe that one Chan Lau was suffering from small pox, fail to notify the same to the Medical Officer of Health or the officer in charge of the nearest Police Station, was the charge brought against the tenant of No. 10, Hong Lok Street before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday.

A servant appeared in Court and informed his Worship that the defendant had gone to Canton. She was unable to say when he would be back.
Remarking that the defendant had apparently absconded to Canton, his Worship said that he was unable to proceed against the servant who appeared. He would adjourn the case sine die and when the defendant returned it could be brought up again.

INSIDE KNOWLEDGE

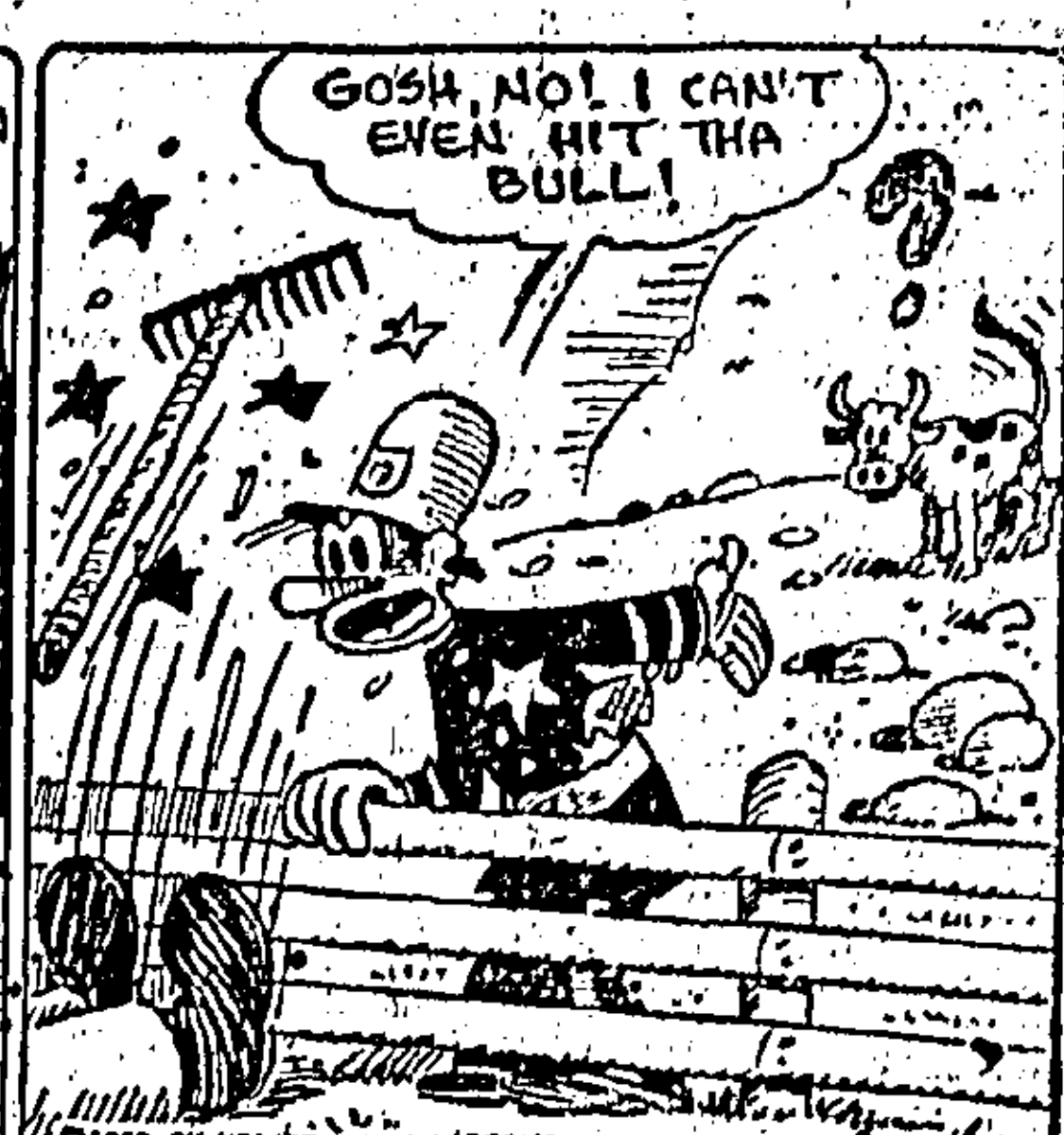
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Photographs of the actual coronation scenes in Kyoto, where the 124th Mikado ascended to the Imperial throne of Japan, amid traditional ceremonies centuries old. Upper photo shows high state officials as embled before the Shishinden, or main hall as the new Emperor read the rescript proclaiming himself ruler. Throughout the enthronement ceremonies, the Emperor remained on his throne within the Shishinden. The new ruler, Hirohito, is shown below in his coronation robes. At the right is the Empress, Nagako.



Pictures show the start of Japan's elaborate coronation ceremonies—departure of the Emperor and Empress from the Imperial Palace of Tokyo for Kyoto, where the rites were held. Upper photo shows the couple in the royal carriage in the parade from the palace to the Tokyo station. Below shows a section of the parade, with the "Ohaguruma" bearing the "Kashikodokoro" or imperial sanctuary.



The Shanghai celebration of the anniversary of Latvia's independence took place recently. A group of Latvians in Shanghai with their Consul, Mr. E. G. Wahamaki, are shown in the photograph.



Taken after the wedding in Los Angeles of John Barrymore and Dolores Costello, both famous screen stars.



Our picture shows Mrs. Coolidge christening an aeroplane for the U. S.—West Indies service.



Miss Trumbull, the daughter of the Governor of Connecticut, who is engaged to marry John Coolidge, the son of the President of U. S. A. The wedding is to take place this year.



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295, 300, 301, 305, 306, 315
344, 363, 371, 374, 376, 381
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TO LET.—No. 1 Hart Avenue Kowloon. Apply No. 5, Hart Avenue or No. 49C, Elgin Street (3rd floor), Hongkong. Phone No. C. 4922.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

We have authorized Mr. Walter Schack to sign for our firm per procuration from this date.
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Hongkong, Jan. 1st, 1929.

NOTICE.

We have this day been appointed for Hongkong and Macao Agents for the Scottish Union & National Insurance Company.
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NOTICE.

By mutual agreement, Mr. Joao Haylor Botelho has retired from our firm as from 31st December, 1927, and his responsibility has ceased as from that date.

BOTELHO BROS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1929.

NOTICE.

Mr. Archibald Reid Botelho having severed his connection with our firm, the Power of Attorney heretofore granted him, is cancelled.

BOTELHO BROS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1929.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS, LIMITED.

Owing to ill health, Mr. H. W. Ray resigned his position as Managing Director of this Company as from October 31st, 1928. By Order of the Board.

CHAS. S. ROSSETT,

Secretary.

NOTICE.

We have this day admitted into partnership Mr. Strathmore Tatham Bullin, A.C.A., and Mr. Henry Russell Forsyth, C.A. Our business will be carried on under the same name and style as formerly.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,

Chartered Accountants.

HONGKONG, 1st January, 1929.

NOTICE.

DENISON RAM AND GIBBS, PARTNERSHIP.

Mr. GERALD HOLLINGS-WORTH BOND has been Admitted as a Partner in the firm of DENISON, RAM & GIBBS, Chartered Accountants, Civil Engineers & Surveyors, as from 2nd January, 1929. The business will continue to be carried on under the Name of DENISON, RAM AND GIBBS.

F. FELD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 1st 1929, we have taken over the firm of F. Feld, Canton and Hongkong, Engineers, Contractors and General Merchants, with all assets, liabilities and pending business, and shall carry on the business at the same place as heretofore under the style or name of "F. Feld & Co., Ltd." and also under the former Chinese Name of Bo Be Yeung Hong.

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Canton, January 1st, 1929.

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As from January 1st 1929, the price of current supplied for the following services will be reduced to 5 cents per unit:—

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,

A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Building, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

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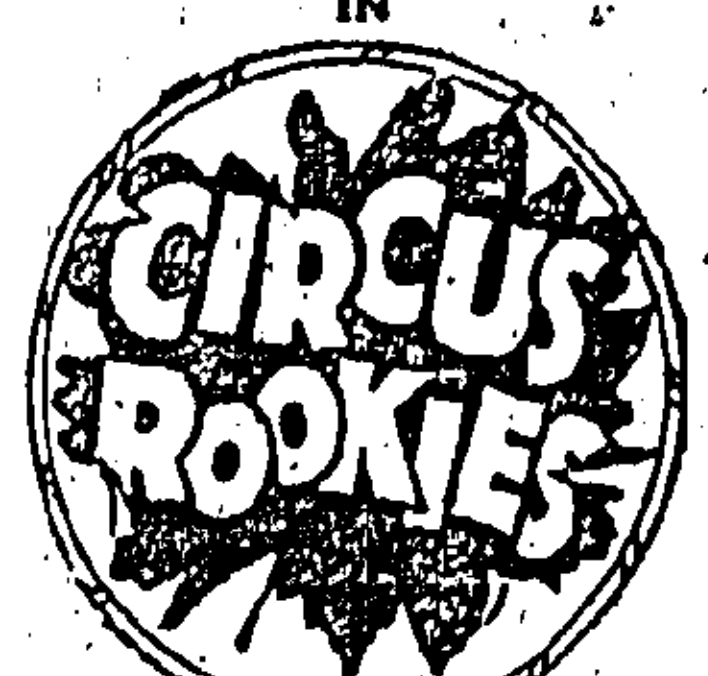
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The next issue will be greatly improved and much useful information heretofore unpublished will be incorporated in it.

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SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 5th and 6th January, 1929.

Official Opening by Officer Administering the Government, on Saturday, 5th January, 1929, at 3 p.m.

Trains leave Kowloon for Sheungshui at 12.10 p.m. and 1.15 p.m.

Trains leave Sheungshui for Kowloon at 4.46 p.m. and 5.56 p.m. Specially reduced Return Fares by ANY TRAIN during January 5th and 6th 1929, will be as follows:—

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G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898 with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents of Lot.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
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Stoker Carr v Stoker Walton. H.M.S. Titania v H.M.S. Hermes. WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST. 6 Rounds.

Mariner Worford v Trimming. H.M.S. Hermes v H.M.S. Hermes. Booking at MOUTRIE'S for Members of the Hongkong Boxing Association on Wednesday, 2nd January, and Thursday, 3rd January.

General Public: Friday, 4th and Saturday, 5th January.

Ringside Seats \$5, others \$3 and \$1.

NOTICE.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that certain persons have solicited orders on the grounds that they are official photographers to the "Hongkong Telegraph," promising that the photographs will be published in our Art Supplement.

We wish to point out that, while we will be pleased at all times to consider for publication all photographs sent to us, Messrs. Mee Cheung and Ming Yuen are the only firms empowered by us to use our name in this matter.

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A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

Mostly British Colonials, including Hongkong, Ceylon, Natal, etc., many mint. On View from Thursday, the 3rd January, 1929.

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Hongkong, Dec. 31, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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One Triumph Combination and

One Evinrude Outboard Motor Boat 18' x 4', at A King's Slipway, Causeway Bay. (Both in good running order.) On View from Monday, the 6th January, 1929.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Straits	Alipore	January 3.
Japan	Kamakura Maru	January 3.
Shanghai	Liangchow	January 3.
Australia and Manila	Taipei	January 4.
Europe via Suez (letters and parcels London 6th December and parcels 29th November)	Moscow	January 4.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Mantua	January 4.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	January 4.
Japan	Burma Maru	January 4.
Japan	Mexico Maru	January 4.
Australia and Manila	Pres. Taft	January 7.
Shanghai	Arafura	January 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Persons	January 8.
Straits and London, parcel mail (London 22nd November)	Emp. of France	January 10.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Ningchow	January 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Van Buren	January 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Jefferson	January 14.
Manila	President McKinley	January 14.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date and Time.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming, Thurs., Jan. 3, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tjikembang, Thurs., Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Glenshane, Thurs., Jan. 3, 6 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching, Fri., Jan. 4, 1 p.m.
Alipore	Alipore, Fri., Jan. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong, Fri., Jan. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Mombasa, Lourenco Marques and South Africa via Singapore	Kamakura Maru, Fri., Jan. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Santhin, Fri., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, and Europe via Siberia	Moscow, Sat., Jan. 5, 10 a.m.
Japan	Protestant, Sat., Jan. 5, 10 a.m.
Australia (except Thursday Island and Cairns) and New Zealand via Brisbane	Registration, Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
Burma Maru	Registration, Jan. 5, 8.30 a.m.
Letters	(Due Brisbane 22nd January.)
Alipore	Namsang, Sat., Jan. 5, 1 p.m.
Parcels	Letters, 2 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Mantua, Sat., Jan. 5. K. P. O. Parcels, 4th, 4.30 p.m. Registration, 5th, 9 a.m. Letters, 5th, 10 a.m.

G. P. O. 4th, 5 p.m. Registration, 5th, 9.45 a.m. Letters, 5th, 10.30 a.m.

(Due Marseilles 1st Feb., 1929).

Manila, Pres. McKinley, Sat., Jan. 5, 4.30 p.m.

Shanghai and Dalny, Sat., Jan. 5, 6 p.m.

Holbow, Pakhoi and Haiphong, Sun., Jan. 6, 8.30 a.m.

Bangkok via Swatow, Sun., Jan. 6, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa, Sun., Jan. 6, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, Central and S. America and Europe via Victoria B. C. and Europe via Siberia

President Taft, Mon., Jan. 7. Parcels, 3 p.m. Registration, 4.15 p.m. Letters, 5 p.m.

(Due Victoria B.C. 28th Jan.)

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, President Taft, Mon., Jan. 7, 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, Hai Ning, Tues., Jan. 8, 2 p.m.

Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles, Porcous, Tues., Jan. 8. K. P. O. Registration, 1 p.m. Letters, 1 p.m.



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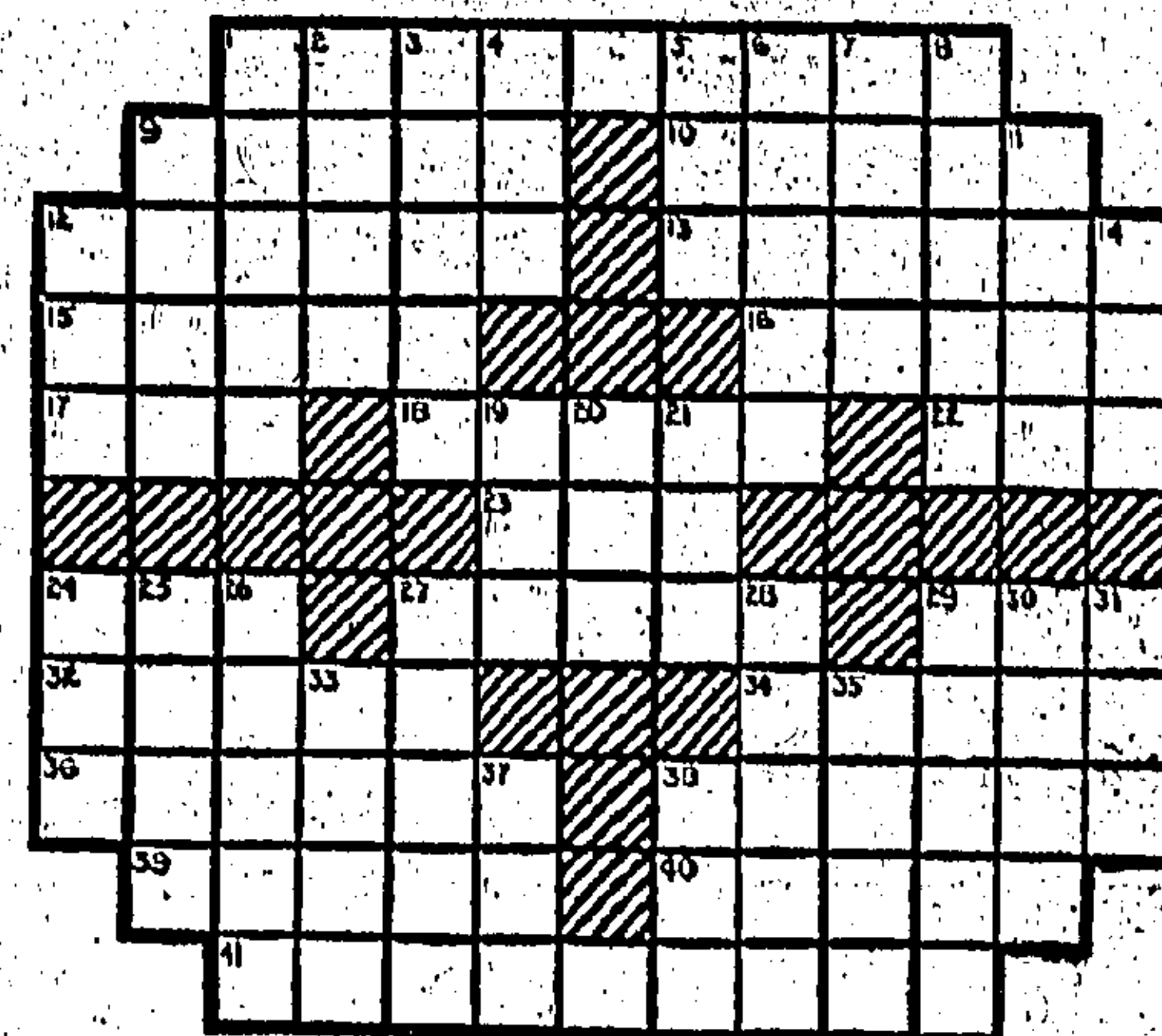
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Horizontal

- 1 A few sheets of printed matter bound together (pl.)
- 9 Beverage prepared from cocoa bean.
- 10 To rejoice in triumph.
- 12 The main cabin of a steamer.
- 13 Abundance.
- 15 Affirms.
- 16 One afflicted with leprosy.
- 17 Affirmative.
- 18 Incident.
- 22 Organ of sight.
- 23 Wrath.
- 24 A hoax.
- 27 Boston.
- 29 Feather scarf.
- 32 A larval stage of certain crustacea.
- 34 That which remains of a memorial.
- 36 To incite secretly.
- 38 Highly seasoned Mexican dish.
- 39 A skirmish.
- 40 Faultily.
- 41 Extreme in a bad sense.

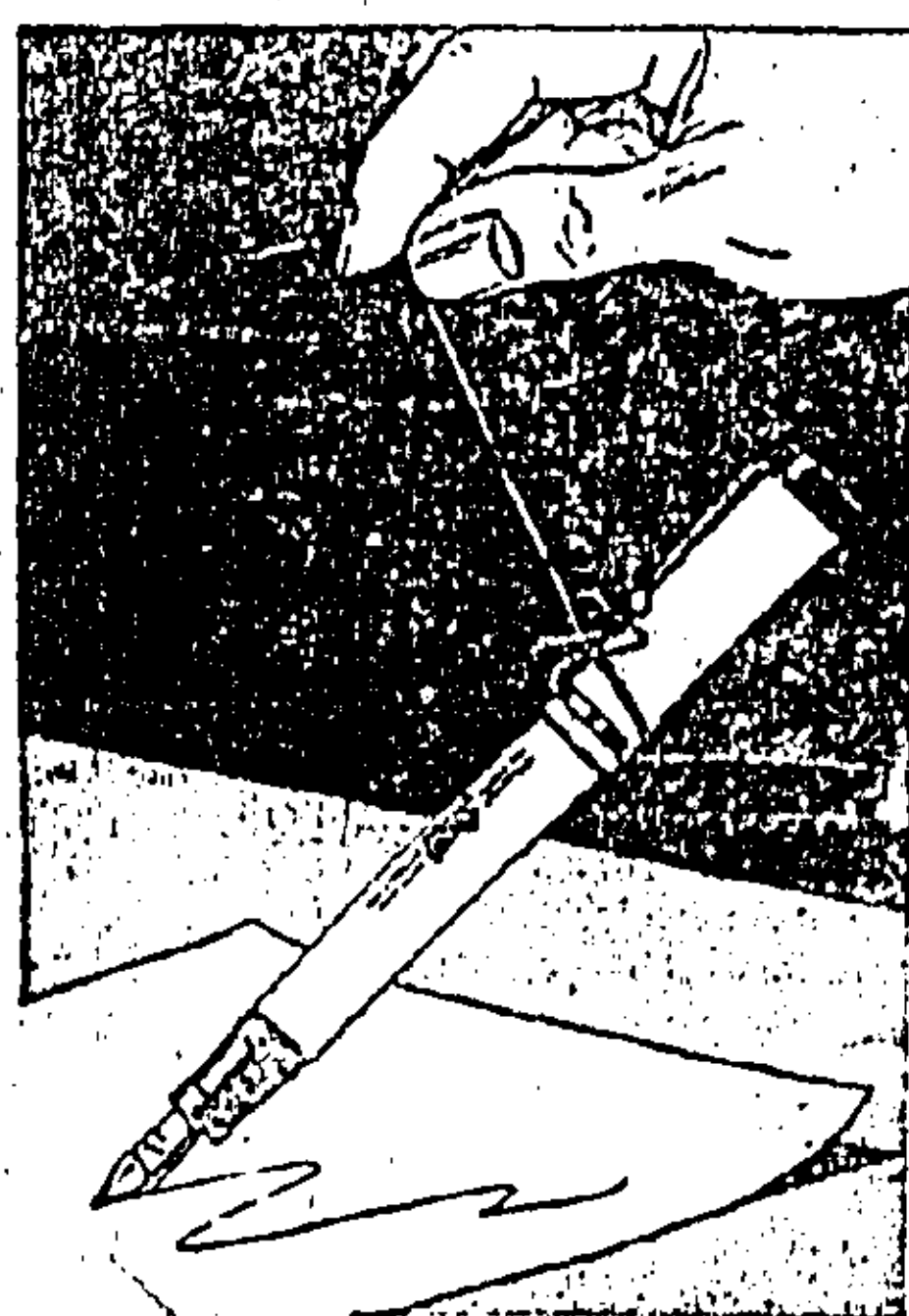
Vertical

- 1 Long slender pieces of wood.
- 2 Acidity of the stomach.
- 8 Large mammal of the deer family.
- 4 Cooking utensil.
- 5 Lamb.
- 6 To extol.
- 7 Bulrush.

- 8 An incline.
- 9 Cavern.
- 11 Three in cards.
- 12 To mention.
- 14 Before.
- 19 By the way of.
- 20 Sea eagle.
- 21 Born.
- 22 Aeriform fuel.
- 25 An astringent.
- 26 Decided.
- 27 Troubled.
- 28 Theatrical play.
- 29 Surfaced with pleasure.
- 30 Lubricated.
- 31 One in cards.
- 33 Dark coloured spot on the skin.
- 35 To eject.
- 37 Knots of wood fibre.
- 38 Sailor.

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Hints on Hair Dressing.

[By a Beauty Expert.]

To camouflage a long, thin face, wear the hair in a softly waved frame on the forehead, and fluffed prettily at the sides.

A high forehead needs the hair brought forward, or a fringe worn. These methods detract from the length.

A demure, round, feminine little maiden is nearly always improved by a wave and a fluffy dressing. It increases her femininity, which is her chief charm.

The sleek, chic boyish type can wear the Elton crop and look charming. But if she wants to arrest attention, it must be immaculately kept. A few spots of brilliantine should be vigorously brushed into the hair, which should afterwards be rubbed with a silk handkerchief.

Its charm lies in its sleekness and in good grooming.

The dark, vivacious girl frequently looks her best with straight hair. This type usually has an abundance of rich hair bounding with vitality, which needs no waving to make it beautiful. A fringe, and the sides slightly turned in to form a solitary curl to lie on the cheek, is generally effective.

The majority of people with white hair find a wave improves them. But it should be a natural-looking wave. Any suggestion of a "frizz" detracts from their mature charm.

Parisian Notes.

SOME IDEAS FOR EVENING CLOTHES.

An attractive idea is to line the skirt of a robe de style with a contrasting colour and material. A pearl-grey satin frock was lined with silver tissue. And it is surprising to see how much of the inside of a skirt there is to be seen. A black taffeta model, woven with a design of silver and emerald, was lined with emerald velvet.

White bugle beads are used on pastel-shaded georgettes, and they give a lovely watered effect, something like *moiré*.

A white *moiré* evening frock, with a treble-tiered skirt sweeping into a peacock fan behind, was arranged over a slight frame. At the back each tier was edged with silk fringe.

Heavy chenille lace is used with matching velvet.

Jewelled shoulder-straps are popular. As often as not the stones are carried round to trim the back of the décolletage. A grey lace frock was decorated with topazes; a black velvet frock was hung with several rows of pearls which were suspended from pearl ornaments on the shoulders, and a royal blue chiffon design was finished with tassels of red glass beads, held in place with trian-

The Slimming Process.

[By Lady Nelsh.]

A well-known singer says she really believes she took off two stone in a year by "thinking herself thin." You may or may not agree with her belief, but there is no doubt you can add to your favourite slimming process by your thoughts, and in the following way: You can be alert, eager, enthusiastic, and a great many other things.

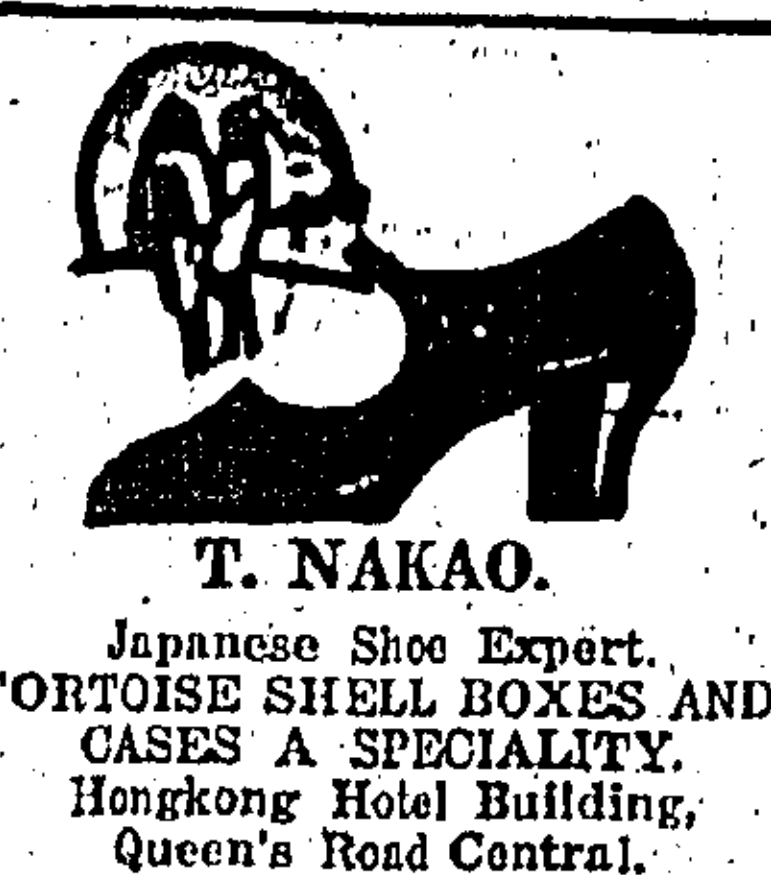
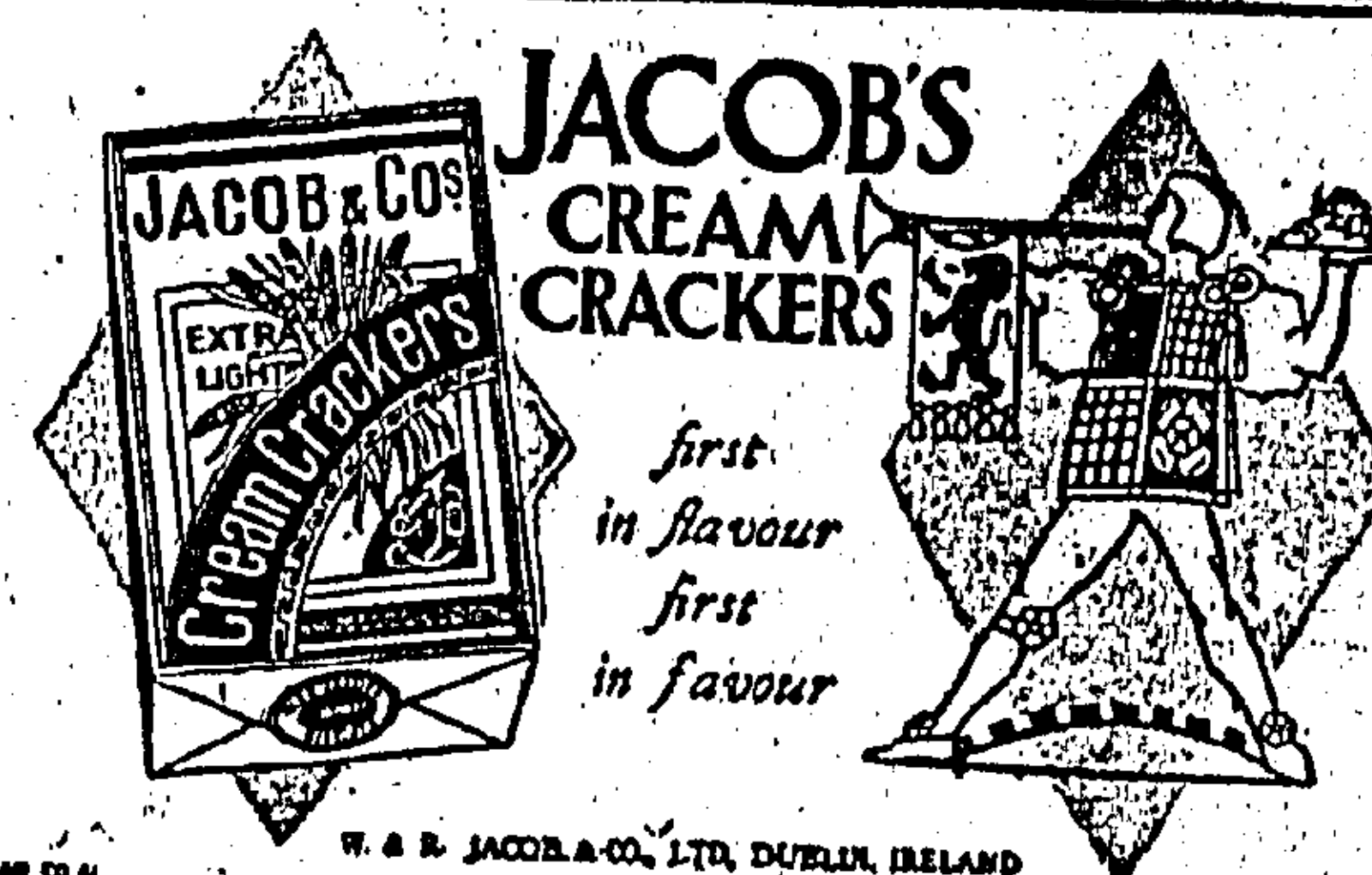
You can train yourself to be active if you are a natural *Allice-by-the-fire*. You can—especially if you are "getting on in years"—avoid that pleasant little nap after luncheon. You can also run upstairs for what you want instead of getting someone else to do so. You can wash out your pet lingerie and do many little jobs in the morning, and walk every afternoon, whether you have time or not—if not, make time.

I repeat—Be alert, quick, enthusiastic, and vivid. You can melt quite a lot of your fat by exercise, enthusiasm, and a wise diet.

gular pieces of diamante embroidery.

A black chenille spotted tulle frock was complemented with a detachable tulle ruffle. A trailing violet chiffon gown was made with a ruffle of shaded red roses.

Velvet is attractively combined with net. An almond green design was trimmed on either side with a floating panel lined with chenille spotted tulle to match.



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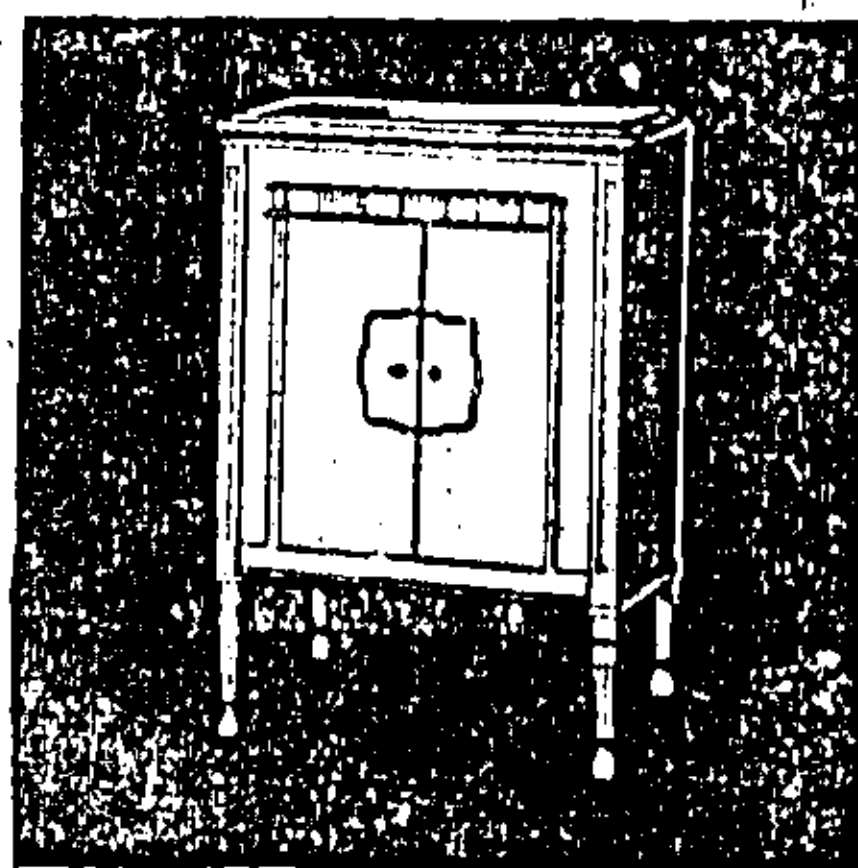
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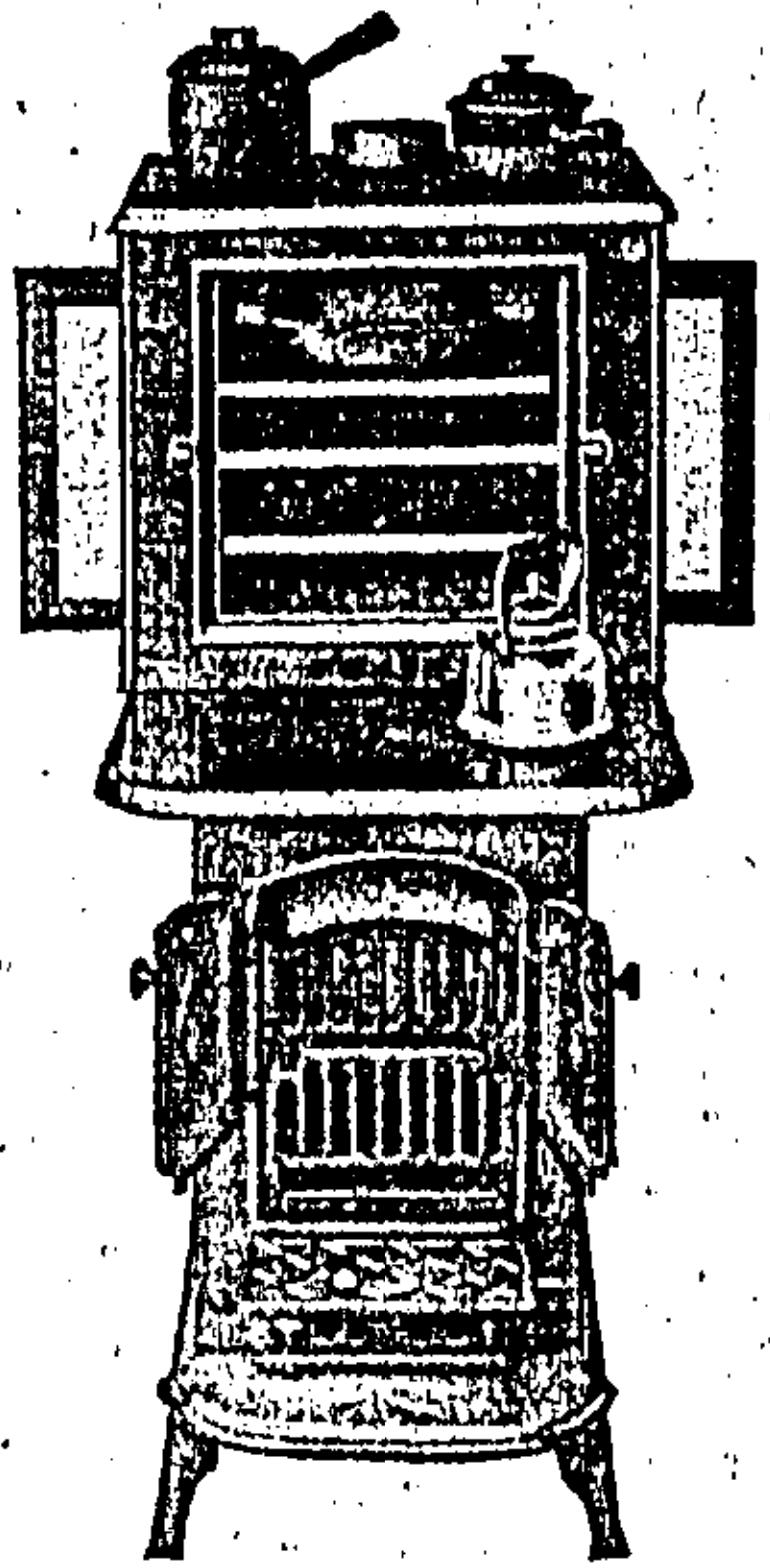
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MARRIAGE.

MORAE—HURLEY.—On January 3, 1929, at 2.30 p.m. at the Registry, Mr. Lionel Morae to Mrs. M. P. Hurley (nee Goldenberg).

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3 1929

THE DISBANDMENT PROBLEM.

The Disbandment Conference which has opened in Nanking has a big problem to tackle. It is impossible to say with any exactitude the precise number of men under arms in China, but it can with certainty be stated that the total for outposts that of any other country. Most of the estimates based on reasonable grounds put the figure at between one and two million men. The curse of China for many years past has been this huge military incubus, and it is gratifying to find that the National Government has come to realise that only by means of disbandment of superfluous forces can the heavy drain on the country be stopped. But the subject bristles with difficulties, and it will require wise statesmanship to deal with it effectually.

There was a time when the predecessors of the present National Government hoped to achieve the unification of the country by other than military measures, but it eventually came to be realised that force must be met by force, and so came about the struggle for supremacy on the battlefield, resulting in a series of uninterrupted victories for the Nationalist and allied troops. By the victors, the campaign has been described as a war against corrupt militarists. This is in part true, of course, but it must not be forgotten that in the past the corruption complained of has not been all on one side. We have had numerous examples of military leaders all over the country, and in all factions, resorting to corrupt and illegal methods. Much of this has been due to compulsion, for with no adequate provision made for the upkeep of the armies and the various factions more or less a law unto themselves, means of finding revenue, however improper have had to be resorted to. Thus has the military problem impinged on other big issues—the opium-growing evil, for one, and irregular taxation, for another. Now that some-

thing approaching real unification has been achieved, the National Government feels emboldened to make some effort for cutting down China's huge armies, reassured by a belief that it can exercise centralised control over the country's armed forces. It will therefore be the task of the Conference now meeting to evolve a workable scheme towards this end, and the real test of Nationalist authority will come when efforts are made to put into force the decisions which are reached.

In the past, disbandment of troops in China has generally had little other effect than to add to the strength of the bandit gangs operating in the country. This has been so because the dispersed troops have been merely turned loose, without any means of making a living being provided for them. The first requisite, therefore, of any new scheme will be to see that work is rendered available for such men as are not required in military service. Here we touch an economic problem. All up and down the country there is a call for reconstruction, and if the means for financing the numerous projects which have been mentioned can only be found, there should be no difficulty in giving employment to the disbanded troops. These things, however, cannot be done in a day. We must therefore hardly expect the military problem to be solved right away. But if the basis of a really workable scheme can be reached, and if personal jealousies and ambitions on the part of military leaders can be overcome, there is no reason why by gradual steps China should not find some better employment for the huge number of superfluous troops now serving in one or other of the armies scattered up and down the country.

The King's Illness.

At the end of the sixth week of the King's illness, the sympathy and interest of the public remain unabated. A week ago, His Majesty suffered a setback which again brought the worst dangers very near indeed, but later, developments have inspired a much more hopeful feeling, though it is evident that a shade of anxiety must continue for some time. Apparently, the disease conforms to a type in which there is no single crisis, but a protracted succession of ups and downs, and it is this vacillation that has been responsible for the extreme weakness of the Royal Patient. It is now affirmed that His Majesty has mastered the disease and is suffering more from its destructive effects than anything else. No quick and decisive improvement can, therefore, be expected. The recovery will be long and arduous, but progress, however slow, is to be looked for. The new calcium treatment appears to be having beneficial results, and the Empire will wait patiently, amid its loyal hopes and prayers, for a favourable outcome. The most reassuring statement for some time past was made by Sir William Joynson Hicks, the Home Secretary, yesterday, on leaving London for Montone. The doctors, he says, are now satisfied with the King's progress. His Majesty has taken a turn for the better and is slowly pulling through. At this stage of the illness, it would scarcely be possible to obtain a more pleasing summary of the position. The signs of a lifting of the clouds will be a source of great comfort to Her Majesty the Queen, who has been a most anxious watcher throughout.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 2.
Paris	124.10
Geneva	25.19
Berlin	20.39
Oslo	13.19
Helsinki	19.2
Buenos Aires	47.13
Hongkong	27.04
New York	48.54
Amsterdam	12.08
Stockholm	18.13
Vienna	34.45
Madrid	29.75
Bucharest	8.08
Bombay	17.1/32
Yokohama	17.10/32
Brussels	34.88
Milan	26.05
Copenhagen	18.17
Prague	13.7
Lisbon	109.4
Rio	5.29/32
Shanghai	Holiday
Silver (spot)	26.5/16
Silver (forward)	26%

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

I SHOULD LIKE TO SEE A NEW COMMISSION OF NOBILITY, BASED ON REAL SUPERIORITY, AND NOT ON COATS OF ARMS OR BROAD ACRES.—Dean Inge.

The P. and O. s.s. Allpore, from Singapore, is due here at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The P. and O. s.s. Mantua, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The P. and O. s.s. Karmala, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 1st January at 9 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Hongkong, arrived at London on the 1st January at 11 a.m.

The Empress of Australia, left Suez on New Year's Day and is due here on February 13th.

Mr. G. H. Bond has been admitted as a partner in the firm of Messrs. Denison, Ram & Gibbs, Chartered Architects, Civil Engineers & Surveyors.

Information received in the Colony is to the effect that Leslie Haynes has been appointed Editor of the Dunstable Borough Gazette and Luton Journal.

Eleven further Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday, of which eight were from Kowloon districts. There was also a British case of typhoid recorded.

There has just come to hand a copy of the *Malayan Daily Express* Christmas Number. Published in Kuala Lumpur at \$1 per copy, it contains some eighty pages of light and sensible reading matter and is well illustrated. A bright and cheery number, it should find a ready sale.

The transport *Neumila* arrived in Hongkong this morning from Shanghai with the 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment on board, bound for India. The transport also has on board half of the 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment which is proceeding to Malta. Details are being picked up here for England.

SAI ON COLLIDES WITH JUNK.

BOAT RESCUES WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

The s.s. *Sai On*, arriving from Canton last night, reports being in collision with a junk in Chaiwan Pass, shortly before midnight.

A boat was immediately sent away from the *Sai On*, under the command of Chief Officer Cornwall, and a number of women and children were taken off, part of the crew remaining on board the junk to navigate her to the beach.

It is understood that the junk was not seriously damaged and that when the collision occurred she was not showing lights.

CHRISTMASTIDE AT WUCHOW.

JOLLY DOINGS ON H.M.S. TARANTULA.

H.M.S. *Tarantula* has just returned to Canton after passing the Christmas holidays in Wuchow and reports a very jolly time spent up there amongst the foreign community.

Christmas was kept up on board in proper naval fashion. On Christmas Eve, the day was spent thoroughly scrubbing and cleaning the ship and making everything absolutely spick and span; during the afternoon a party went ashore and gathered greenery and during the night the mast yards, etc., were decorated. In addition to this, a pine tree was decorated and this gave a very jolly aspect to the whole ship.

Early on Christmas day the various messes were decorated with bunting, Christmas fare was displayed everywhere and each mess was issued with refreshments from the Captain and Officers, which was very greatly appreciated.

A service was held on board in the forenoon, being conducted by the Rev. R. A. Jaffray, at which a number of the foreign residents of the port were present. After the service a tour of the ship was made and the various messes entertained the foreign residents who had come on board.

The Wuchow Club was thrown open to the ship's company for the day, and by kind permission of the S.N.O., Commander M. L. Clarke and the Officers, a very amusing concert was given, the programme being contributed to by C.P.O. Edinburgh, S. P. O. Miller, P. O. Holland, P.O. Driscoll, and Arm. Mta. Whelan—Our Own Correspondent.

BERNARD SHAW FOR HONGKONG.

THE MACDONA PLAYERS' HONGKONG SEASON.

There is hardly a civilised country in the world where the plays of Bernard Shaw have not been presented either in English or translated into the language of the country; in fact no dramatist has enjoyed such a universal popularity during his own lifetime. Through acquiring the rights of these plays early in 1922, Mr. Charles Macdonald's companies (which are known throughout England Scotland and Ireland as "The Macdonald Players") have following comparable to no other repertory company playing exclusively the works of one author. Each year they play a long season in the West End of London before visiting the large university and manufacturing towns in the country. They have also visited Paris and had two very successful seasons there and a company has just left for South Africa on a second visit to that country.

This will be their first visit to the Far East, and they will open at the Theatre Royal on Monday next with "Pygmalion."

The task of creating a society lady out of a "cockney flower-seller" is no light one, but Henry Higgins (Professor of Phonetics) wagers that he could do it. The correcting of her pronunciation, the restraining of her flow of adjectives, the moulding of her manners, the "settling" of her father (A dustman) presented great difficulties; half way through the experience Higgins decides to try what progress has been made, and he brings the girl to one of his Mother's At Homes; all goes well while she keeps to the generalities she has been taught but consternation is caused at the end of her visit by the inclusion of an adjective never heard in any drawing-room. In six months the task is finally accomplished and the girl has been passed off as a duchess at an Ambassador's garden party. Higgins has won his wager—but he had looked no further than this and is surprised and perplexed at finding the soul concealed in what he termed "this drab, drab, drab, gutter-snipe." The future of this girl with her newly awakened soul—not her training—proves to be the real problem of the play.



S—O-9	NORTH
H—A-9	
D—None	
C—9	
	WEST
	7
	EAST
	10
	SOUTH
S—A-3	
H—O-3	
D—None	
C—J	

Spades are trumps, and South has the lead. North and South must win four of the five tricks.

Lay the cards out on the table, as shown in the diagram. Study them and see if you can find how North and South can win four of the five tricks. The one way in which this can be done is outlined for you in the solution, printed elsewhere on this page.

The Solution.

In this problem the solution lies in forcing the opponents to make a lead highly undesirable for themselves.

South leads his club. If West wins the trick, he must either lead a heart, giving North and South two tricks in that suit, or he must lead a club or a diamond, which allows North and South to discard a heart in one hand, trump in the other and then win the remaining tricks. Of course, if East takes the opening club trick he also must lead a club or a diamond.

There is a slight variation to this problem in that North and South may lead one round of trumps before leading the club.

CRITICALLY ILL.

THE U. S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 2.

The U.S. Ambassador to France, Mr. Myron Herrick, is critically ill at his Chagrin Falls estate. Oxygen is being administered. —Reuter's American Service.

The Very Idea!

Some of the parishioners of Cal-low, Herefordshire, were shocked recently when their pastor, the Rev. A. Manby Lloyd, issuing an invitation through the press to motorists to attend services at his church, mentioned as a special attraction that the church was only half a mile from the Angel Inn, a hostelry famous for its excellent ale. The parishioners protested against linking an invitation to a public house with an invitation to church.

The Rev. Mr. Lloyd, apparently not at all abashed, replied to his critics in his sermon. He said that his invitation was based on an understanding of human nature.

"The religious man," he declared, "is supposed to regard the public house as a place of abomination. It is that spirit I want to contradict. Christianity has nothing to do with what a man eats or drinks. Whatever else one finds in a public house, one always finds there some of the best elements of human nature."

Magistrate at Tower Bridge—Have you any friends? Man—No, sir, I am Irish.

There may be nothing new under the sun, but the imitations frequently surpass the original.

An elderly man said at Bow County Court that he was in the London Police when they wore top hats.

Old Street prisoner—I gave a wrong address because these detectives do me more harm than good.

When a woman and a cyclone make up their minds to go anywhere, nothing on earth can stop them.

Mr. Justice Salter suggested in his Court recently that perhaps in twenty years miners would go to work in airplanes.

Magistrate's Clerk at Tower Bridge—You women cannot both talk at once. The Magistrate—Oh, yes, they can, but they must not.

The village choir-boys had decided to form a cricket team, and appointed their junior member honorary secretary.

In due course the youngster appealed to the curate for support.

This is how his letter ended:—"And we should be very pleased, sir, if you would allow us the use of the bats which the choir-men say you have in the belfry!"

The greatest obstacle in the way of disarmament is that we all fear the risks of peace more than we fear the risks of war.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Red tape is a good thing up to a point, but it must have a certain amount of elastic in it here and there.—Sir Leonard Dunning.

The voice of the people is not necessarily the voice of God: it is quite as often the voice of Satan.—Mr. Norman Angell.

In the atmosphere of Geneva patriotism perishes: a patriot there is simply a spy who cannot be shot.—Mr. Bernard Shaw.

I am frankly against at the small number of people whom I meet in first-class railway carriages who read on a journey.—The Duchess of Athol.

[It is announced that plants, like human beings, take violent likes and dislikes.]

Once there really was no measure To the love we felt for Pat, And it was indeed a pleasure When he dropped in for a chat.

But his jolly conversation Which delighted us of yore Has received its termination By our showing him the door.

And this treatment, though upsetting, Is no more than he deserves Since we found that he was getting On the aspidistra's nerves.

T. H.

Minister—"Could you supply me with a very small quantity of notepaper?"

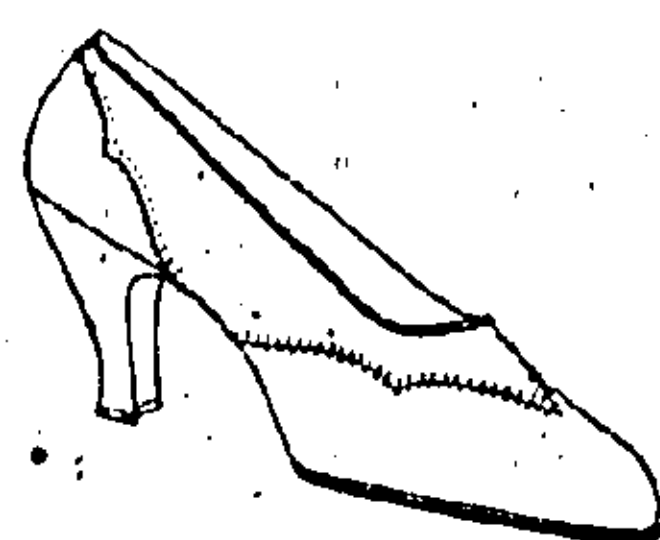
Stationer—"Would a sixpence worth be enough?"

Minister—"Oh! dear no, I just want a very small quantity. You see I get all my notepaper in bulk from Glasgow, and as I am expecting a supply in soon, I would be obliged for about threepence worth."

The goods were handed over and then—

Minister—"By the way, Mr. (stationer), I never see you at church on Sundays."

Stationer—"Oh! no. You see I have the wireless, and I get all my sermons from Glasgow."



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MEZZANINE FLOOR

CUTTING DOWN OF PINE-TREES.**LEUT.-COL. BIRD'S GARDENER CHARGED IN COURT.****INTERESTING CASE.**

Some interesting passages occurred in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court this morning, when Lo Chong, a gardener in the employ of Lt.-Col. L. B. Bird, of No. 28, The Peak, was prosecuted for unlawful possession of 160 catties of pine wood.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted the defendant being unrepresented. Mrs. L. G. Bird was in Court.

Outlining the case, Mr. Andrewes said that within the last fortnight about a hundred trees had been cut away from land above Lt.-Col. Bird's house and consequently a guard was posted on the hill above the house. From their position, the men saw wood stacked on the roof of the servants' quarters of Lt.-Col. Bird's house and a search warrant was duly taken out. As a result of the search, the defendant was arrested and charged.

Defendant Explains.

The defendant, in a statement to his Worship, said he merely cut down such branches as overhung his master's garden and he did not know anything about the disappearance of the hundred trees on the hillside.

Giving evidence, Mr. J. R. Carr, of the Forestry Department, said that as a result of certain information which he received yesterday he went to No. 28, The Peak. He walked about a hundred feet past the house and then climbed the bank from which position he was able to see a quantity of wood laid out to dry in the servants' quarters. He took a look round the hillside and found about forty tree stumps which appeared to have been recently cut. The furthermost of these stumps was about 150 feet away from the house.

Witness said he then posted two guards on the hillside to keep watch whilst he went to the Central Magistracy to obtain a warrant. At 1.15 p.m., with the warrant in his possession, Mr. Carr went to No. 28, The Peak and asked for the master of the house. He was told that the master was not in, but Mrs. Bird appeared later.

Looking Into Bedroom.

Witness then related the conversation that took place. He told Mrs. Bird why he came, to which Mrs. Bird replied with a question as to whether he was a member of the Police Force. Mr. Carr explained that he was from the Forestry Department. Mrs. Bird is then alleged to have said: "Oh! are you? You can wait here. I have arrested two of your men for looking into my bedroom and I have rung up the Police Station to send officers up here."

Mr. Carr, continuing, told his Worship that eventually Inspector Logan, from the Gough Hill Station, arrived and witness explained the position to the Inspector, as a result of which they entered the house.

Mr. Lindsell: Did you not obtain admission on your warrant then?

Witness: No, your Worship. I was refused entrance.

Found on Roof.

On the roof of the servants' quarters, said witness, 160 catties of firewood was found.

The defendant, on being asked if the firewood belonged to him, replied in the affirmative and pointed up to the hillside when he was asked where he had obtained it. Witness said that the questions were put to the defendant through the head forester, and on defendant admitting ownership of the wood, he was taken into custody.

In answer to Mr. Andrewes, witness said that the area of Lt.-Col. Bird's property covered a circumference of 50 feet around the house. Witness admitted that he had not seen the plan of the house, but explained that most of the properties on the Peak owned a circumference of fifty feet around the house.

His Worship then asked the defendant if he had any questions to put to witness, when Mrs. Bird, addressing Mr. Andrewes, asked: "May I ask?"

Mr. Andrewes: You can.

Mrs. Bird: I have only two questions.

Magistrate's Refusal.

Mr. Lindsell: I am afraid I can't hear Mrs. Bird.

Mrs. Bird: I asked if I might. I don't intend to ask, unless—

Mr. Lindsell: I am afraid I can't hear you.

The defendant again made a statement to the effect that he only cut down the tree that overhung his master's garden, when his Worship pointed out that forty tree stumps were found.

The defendant made no reply. Addressing Mr. Andrewes, Mr. Lindsell said that if the defendant's employer had any questions, she could suggest them to the defendant.

Mr. Andrewes enquired from Mrs. Bird whether she had any questions to ask, to which she replied: "I don't know very much about Court procedure. I have no questions to ask."

The head forester of the Forestry Department was then called. He said the defendant, in reply to his question, said that he obtained the wood "outside the garden from the pine plantations."

Was Confused. Defendant's statement in answer to the charge was "I have nothing to say." In the Court this morning, he explained to the Magistrate that he was confused by people shouting at him when he made that statement. He wished to call two witnesses, the houseboy and his assistant.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

DOG OWNERS IN COURT.**ANOTHER KOWLOON TONG CASE FAILS.****EVIDENCE CONFLICTS.**

Another dog case from Kowloon Tong was dismissed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, when Mr. J. C. Ferguson of No. 112, successfully pleaded that his animal was in the garden and not on the road, as alleged by the Indian constable.

After evidence had been given by the constable, an amah employed by Mr. Ferguson stated that the dog had just been given its food when the constable appeared at the back gate. The dog went into the garden, but on no occasion did it leave the grounds.

The charge against Mr. Ferguson was dismissed, his Worship remarking that there was a conflict of evidence.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Ferguson said that there were generally quite a number of dogs on the roads, but he thought they were mostly owned by the Chinese or had come from the village.

Questioned about the Indian Watchmen's Association, Mr. Ferguson informed his Worship that last Monday when both he and his wife were out an Indian watchman went to his house to get some money. The man opened the gate himself and left it open after the servants had retired to give him any money. If the dogs had been about, said Mr. Ferguson, they could have got out.

Lady's Complaint.

Mrs. Cole, of 3, Minden Villas, was fined \$5 for allowing her dog to be abroad without a muzzle. The defendant stated that the animal had run from the back door to the front, but it was actually inside the garden when the constable caught it and took it away.

Mrs. Cole further complained that the animal had been struck by the constable.

His Worship requested Sergeant Cordaux to make enquiries into the allegation.

Cautioned by Magistrate.

A similar charge was preferred against Mrs. Armitage, of King's Park Building.

The defendant stated that she had had the dog on a leash, but had just taken the leash off and was talking to a friend in a motor car when the animal escaped from her.

Sergeant Cordaux said that he had just turned the corner when he saw the dog. He was unable to say how long it had been off the leash, which Mrs. Armitage was carrying. There was a motor car outside Mrs. Armitage's house.

His Worship remarked that this was different from the ordinary sort of case and cautioned the defendant.

Another Case.

Mrs. Hooper, of No. 23, Cameron Road, was also fined \$5 for allowing her dog to be abroad without a muzzle.

The defendant said that she was entirely ignorant of the offence until she received the summons on Christmas Day.

An Indian constable gave evidence that a dog tugging in description to that owned by Mrs. Hooper was abroad without a muzzle. He spoke to a male servant, but the man took no notice.

According to Mrs. Hooper, she had no male servants in her employment.

His Worship was satisfied that the dog which the constable saw belonged to Mrs. Hooper, and said that it was unfortunate that Mrs. Hooper herself was not informed.

Selma Lagerlof, the Swedish author who received the Nobel prize for literature in 1909, has been awarded the title of Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of Greifswald on the occasion of her seventieth birthday.

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TAKING NATIVE PRODUCTS.**NEW AGITATION REPORTED FROM SWATOW.****MERCHANTS ACTIVE.**

Swatow, Dec. 28. The success of the recent campaign against the Surtax Bureau regulations and the taxation by the regular Customs of native goods from other Chinese ports has encouraged further agitation against the taxation of native goods.

Presumably what is now being attempted is some control of Customs regulations at ports other than Treaty Ports, where the native Customs imposes taxation on goods coming in. With growing recognition by the National Government and the Kuomintang of the importance of trade to the welfare of the nation, not only taxation at the port of entry should be singled out for attack, but the essentially uneconomic nature of like of all descriptions should be recognised.

In this connexion the interest of foreign traders is small indeed compared with that of Chinese merchants themselves.

Better Outlook.

General Hsu Kin-long has been away from the port for some time now. He went to Canton to consult with Marshal Li, and stayed for discussions with General Wong Shao-hung. He is now further delayed owing to the recent death of his mother, whose funeral rites he is staying to arrange.

Meanwhile, the country under his charge has been much more satisfactorily settling down than seemed possible at one time. Although there are still districts disturbed by bandits, yet they are fewer, and large areas have become more peaceful.

A pocket of Communists is reported in the Fungshun district. That, on the other hand, is quiet again. One cannot but hope that the present changes in high offices in the province may be carried peacefully through, and without leading to the revival of old jealousies.

Athletic Meeting.

The Athletic Meeting was formally opened on the 23rd. It is being held on the grounds of the new Tungshan public park. For some days before the opening various competitions were played off. There have been a great number of entries for the various events, and general enthusiasm has been shown, especially by the schools. The meeting was originally planned to last three days, but in view of the number of entries it was necessary to continue for another day.—Our Own Correspondent.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. A. E. Contes, clerk of Hongkong Tramways Limited, residing at No. 3, Village Road, Hongkong, to Miss G. H. Maher (de Souza), stenotypist of Messrs. Moses and Company, Limited, residing at No. 2, Yue Kwong Terrace, Hongkong.

The hour of the local composers' concert at the Helena May Institute on January 15 has been altered from 5.15 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.

The death took place in Brussels recently of the popular General Baron Jacques, who during the war commanded the 3rd Division of the Belgian Army at Liege, Antwerp, and on the Yser.



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FOOCHOW NOTES.**INCIDENT AT BIG SPORTS GATHERING.****IMPATIENT CROWD.**

Fochow, Dec. 27.

After a fairly long period of preparation, the educational authorities in Fochow have held a great inter-school athletic sports meeting. The first few days were taken up with the preliminary rounds and finals in volleyball, basketball and football and later the other events took place. These included all manner of flat races, hurdle races, high and long jump, and other events usually seen at such a gathering. In addition, there have been displays of drill by various schools, including military drill, dumb-bell and barbell drill, and physical drill by all the schools together, as well as dancing of many kinds by girls' schools.

Crowd Out of Hand.

On the whole, it may be said that the order has been good, but on one day the crowds were so great and got so eager to see some of the performances in the middle of the large ground, especially dancing by a girls' school, that they broke through the line of Boy Scouts and police, and it was not until the Educational Commissioner had threatened to suspend the whole proceedings, and the police actually arrested a man and took him round with his hands tied behind his back, that order was restored. Profiting by this experience, better arrangements were made on the next day, and larger numbers of police and soldiers were on the spot to keep order, with the result that nothing was left to be desired.

It is quite a number of years since such a gathering has been held, and it is a sign of the arrival of better days that a number (estimated at 10,000) so large can meet quietly without really serious untoward incident.

Anti-Japanese posters are very much in evidence at present, but I have not heard of any special demonstration along those lines. In fact, Fochow shows every sign of being glad to live quietly.

A census has just been taken, the result of which, I understand, is that the population is found to be just under 300,000 (for the City and Nantai). This is smaller than most previous estimates.

Philharmonic Society.

On Saturday evening, 22nd instant the Fochow Philharmonic Society gave a great treat to those who attended the British Episcopal Church, in the form of a special choral service, which included selections from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and "Festgesang" and Handel's "Messiah," besides several Christmas hymns and carols. Twenty-eight voices took part, and the whole effect was delightful, reflecting great credit on Mr. T. P. M. Bevan, who conducted, and Mr. W. M. Barton, who played the organ. A collection in aid of the Orphan Fund was taken up, and amounted to \$165.

New Bishop.

The Christmas holidays have been particularly busy this year. In addition to the usual engagements, a meeting was held on Boxing Day in Christ Church.

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CANTON NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.**BY SHAMEEN BACHELORS AND RETURNED STUDENTS.****HAPPY GATHERINGS.**

The bachelors of the Canton Club gave their usual New Year's Eve Ball in the Canton Club Theatre and it proved quite one of the most successful functions held in Canton in recent years. Music was provided by an excellent orchestra selected from the Band of the Queen's Royal Regiment which came up to Shameen specially for the occasion.

It took the form of a masked fancy dress ball. Dancing began at 10 p.m. and at 11.30 p.m. everyone unmasked. At midnight the New Year was ushered in, in darkness, and to the accompaniment of Auld Lang Syne. At 1 a.m. an excellent supper was served in the Club, after which dancing continued uninterruptedly until 6.15 a.m. when the orchestra played "God Save the King" and had to pack up to go on board the morning steamer for Hongkong.

There were nearly 300 people present, including a large number of guests from Hongkong. These chiefly responsible for the huge success of this year's Ball were Mr. G. H. Bowker (Chairman of Committees); Mr. J. Baud (senior bachelor who made a short speech at midnight wishing all a very happy New Year); Mr. H. H. Benson (Honorary Secretary to the Committees); Messrs. A. J. Evans, Geo. Duncan and J. H. M. Andrew (who made themselves responsible for the band and arranged the very excellent dance programme); Messrs. A. E. Prichard and L. A. Jeeves (who supervised the bar arrangements); Messrs. F. E. W. Lammert and E. H. Shekury (who, very ably assisted by all the Shameen ladies, prepared the excellent supper); Mr. A. T. Lay (who, assisted by Mrs. A. P. Mei, was responsible for a most original and artistic scheme of decoration being carried out in the theatre in black and white); and Messrs. L. B. Wood, O. Herthel, C. A. Larsen and J. C. H. Bonbright.

Returned Student's Club Celebrates.

The Returned Student's Club celebrated the double event of the New Year's Eve and their annual reunion on the same occasion. A very successful little soiree was given at the Club premises in the Man Tak Road, opening with a variety show.

After the Chairman (Mr. Tao Chok-kai) had recited the will of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the opening speech was delivered by Miss Lo Yau-chit. Then came a song by Mrs. Wu Kai-hung, which was followed by the presentation of souvenirs to General Cheung Wai-jung and Colonels Young Koo-ai and Wong Yuk-pai, on the occasion of the completion of the first all-Chinese long-distance flight, by Miss Lo Yau-chit.

A piano duet was then given by Mrs. Wu Kai-hung and Miss Fung Ping-yue, a monologue by Colonel Lym Fook-yuen, a song by Mrs. Cheuk Koon-fong, radio reports by Judge Peter Hing, "Optimism and Pessimism" by Mr. Li Lu-chao, a piano solo by Miss Lau Yuk-ching and a one-act play under Mr. Charles.

The inauguration of the officers for 1928 resulted:—Chairman, Mr. Lo Pao-shu; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Pang Wui; Treasurer, Mr. Chu Yu-chuen; English Secretary, Mr. C. L. Tan; Chinese Secretary, Mr. Li Shek-sun; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Peter Hing.

This was followed by a short comedy, very amusing and well acted, after which there was dancing till the early hours of the morning to the strains of an excellent orchestra which came up from Hongkong for the occasion.

All present voted it a jolly show and everyone spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.—Our Own Correspondent.

Cathedral to say farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. J. Curtis, who have worked in Fuchien for over twenty years and are now going to Chekiang, Mr. Curtis having been elected Bishop of that Diocese. He is to be consecrated at Ningpo on January 6.

Treaty Agitation.

The Chinese people have also been very busy these few days. In addition to the sports already described, a demonstration is now in progress in connexion with the demand for the cancelling of the "unequal treaties." There seems to be a certain amount of unreality in demanding what practically all the Powers have promised to grant as soon as possible, but no doubt the authorities are awake to the advantage of letting the excitable students and other Unions blow steam in this way, rather than indulge in such excesses as have occurred in Nanking recently. Every possible precaution is being taken against disturbance of the peace by Communists or other gentry of the kind.—Our Own Correspondent.

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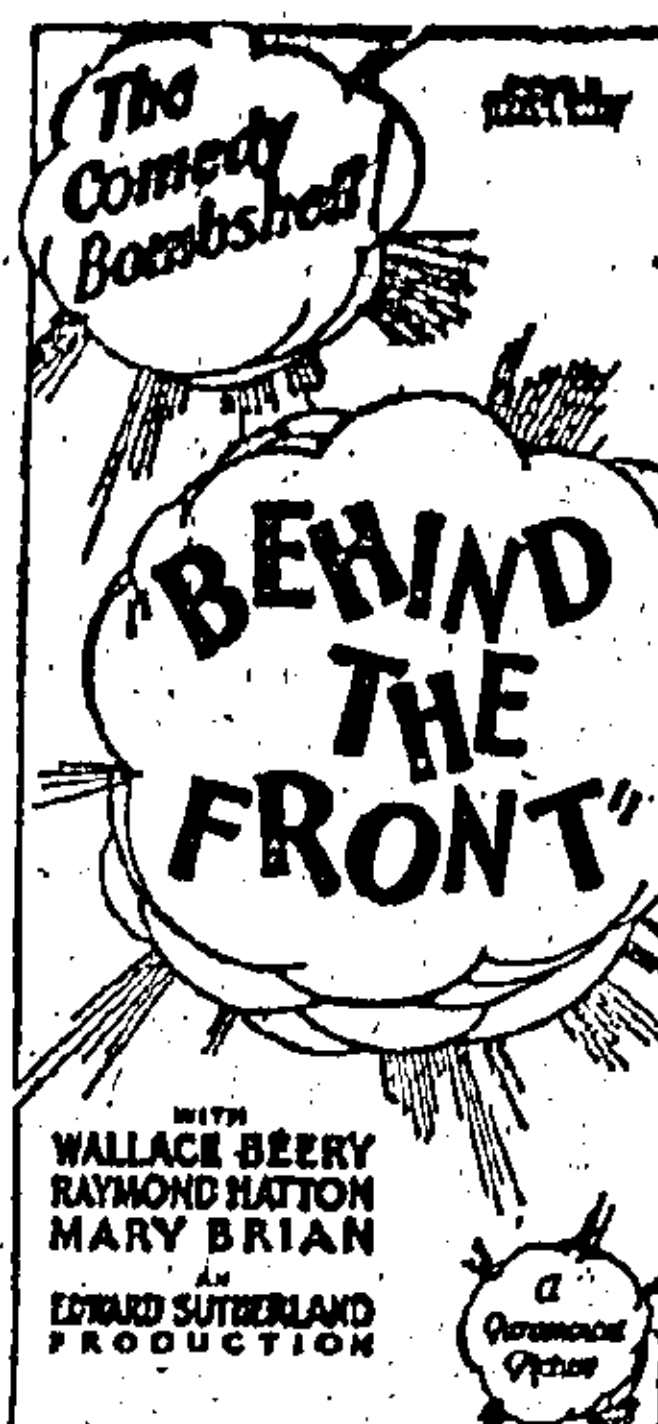
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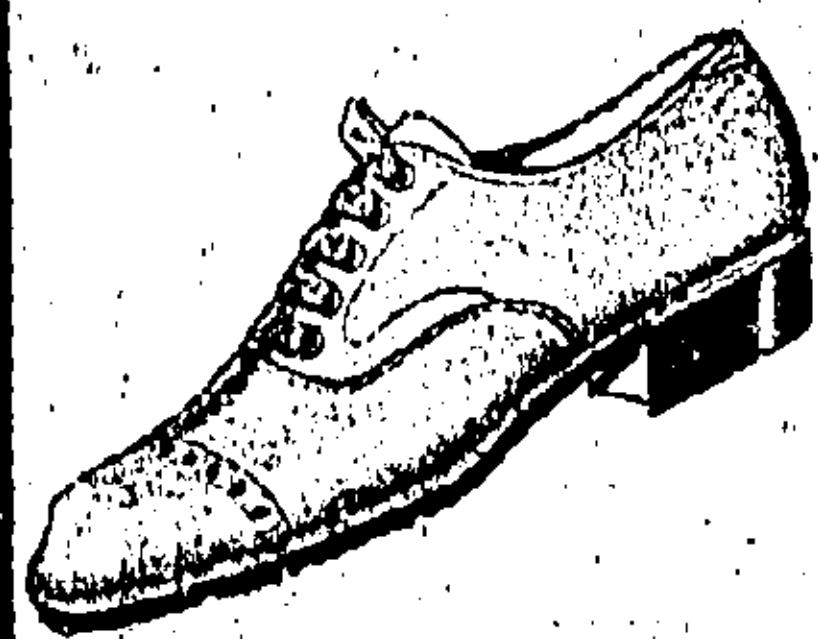
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S.E. ENGLAND ELECTRICITY SCHEME.
BRITISH MATERIALS TO BE USED.

The whole of the material used in the contract placed by the Central Electricity Board with the General Electric Co., Ltd., for one section of the overhead transmission lines in the south-east of England, will be manufactured in Great Britain.

An official of the company stated that the contract, the value of which was approximately £500,000, would cover the erection of the 132,000 volt line in the district north of the Thames, stretching from Reading on the west to Peterborough on the north, and Ipswich and Colchester on the east. The total mileage of the overhead transmission would be 254 miles, and the total actual length of conductor would be 1,300 miles.

The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Pirelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work to between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductor, insulators, and other accessories.

The overhead lines are one section of the system of overhead lines covering the whole of England and Scotland which are being erected by the Central Electricity Board with the object of linking up the main generating stations throughout the country and affording a cheap supply of electric power in all districts.

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THE WORLD OF SPORT

GARRISON FOOTBALL.

RESULTS AND LEAGUE TABLE.

Below are December results in the Hongkong Garrison Football League:
R.A.O.C., 1; H.Q. Wing 2nd K.O.S.B., 5.
20th H. Bty. R.A., 1; A. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B., 8.
12th H. Bty. R.A., 1; C. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B., 4.
R.A.M.C., 1; M.G. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B., 2.
20th H. Bty. R.A., 0; 31st H. Bty. R.A., 6.
A. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B., 1; C. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B., 2.
R.A.O.C., 0; 31st H. Bty. R.A., 4.
B. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B., 0; 31st H. Bty. R.A., 1.
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A. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B., 4; 12th H. Bty. R.A., 2.
H.Q. Wing 1st Queen's, 3; R.A.O.C., 0.
B. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B., 1; B. Coy. 1st Queen's, 0.
M.G. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B., 3; D. Coy. 1st Queen's, 1.

League Table.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.	Pts.
H. Q. Wing Queen's	10	8	2	0	81	16	16
C. Coy. K.O.S.B.	10	7	2	1	46	20	15
A. Coy. K.O.S.B.	8	7	1	0	33	11	14
C. Coy. Queen's	10	6	3	1	29	17	13
B. Coy. Queen's	11	6	4	0	18	10	12
31st H. Bty. R.A.	8	5	3	0	25	15	10
N. G. Coy. K.O.S.B.	9	5	3	1	18	16	9
B. Coy. K.O.S.B.	9	5	3	1	16	16	9
H. Q. Wing K.O.S.B.	6	4	1	0	16	7	8
M. G. Coy. Queen's	9	4	2	2	21	21	8
H. A. M. Coy.	3	3	1	1	15	22	8
D. Coy. Queen's	11	2	8	1	18	31	5
12th H. Bty. R.A.	7	2	6	0	10	20	4
20th H. Bty. R.A.	8	1	7	0	4	11	3
R.A.O.C. & H.A.S.C.	10	0	8	2	7	51	2
H.Q. & H. Signals	8	0	8	0	1	25	0

Matches for Next Week.

Tuesday, 8th Jan.—H.Q. Wing 1st Queen's v. R.E. and R. Signals, Sookumpoo; Referee, Pte. Farnsworth, 1st Queen's. D. Coy. 1st Queen's v. 20th H. Bty. R.A., Chatham Road; Referee, Corp. Lees, R.A.M.C.

Thursday, 10th Jan.—R.A.M.C. v. C. Coy. 1st Queen's, Sookumpoo; Referee, Cpl. Hunt, R.A.O.C. M.G. Coy. 1st Queen's v. 31st H. Bty. R.A., Chatham Road; Referee, Corp. Pearce, 1st Queen's. B. Coy. 1st Queen's v. 12th H. Bty. R.A., Happy Valley; Referee, S/Sgt. Gilmour, R.A.M.C.

MIDWEEK FOOTBALL.

BORDERERS WIN EASILY IN LEAGUE MATCH.

There was one First Division football match yesterday, and three in the Midweek League. Results at a glance:
Division 1: 5 Small Units 1 K.O.S.B. 7 Lam Long Wan 0
Midweek League: 7 Lam Long Wan 0
Police 0 Ewo Chinese 0
P.W.D. Chinese 4 Hung Kui School 1
K.O.S.B. v. Small Units.

Playing at Sookumpoo in Division 1 of the League, the K.O.S.B. beat the Small Units by five goals to one. Penny kept a good goal for the Small Units, although beaten five times. The Borderers attacked from the kick off, and the Stock was well to the fore and early gave the K.O.S.B. the lead. Smith and Dodson, the Units backs, played soundly but they had to give way under a persistent attack. Everest scored the K.O.S.B.'s second goal after good work by McGlinchey. The Units then rallied, and Wilson, following up from a partial clearance by McDougall, returned the ball into the net. Another visit by the Units placed Skinner in a good position, but McDougall cleared. Before the interval, Everest scored again for the K.O.S.B.

Resuming, the Borderers wore down the Units' attack and Everest, taking a pass from Torrie, beat Penny for the third time. The K.O.S.B. kept up the attack but the Units defended soundly and kept them out. Before the final whistle sounded, Stock scored for the Borderers, who thus won by five to one.

Mr. W. E. Hollands was the referee.

Athletic v. Lam Long Wan.

Lam Long Wan failed to field a full side in their game with the Athletic on the H.K.F.C. ground, and went down by the large margin of seven clear goals. The Athletic pressed from the kick off, and Hin In-fai scored early in the game. Leung Tat-wing added one, and before the interval this player put on the third goal. The Athletic scored four times in the second half, Leung Tat-wing (2) and Hin In-fai (2).

Police v. Ewo.

At Happy Valley these teams played a goalless draw. The Police were early attacking, but failed in front of goal. Towards the close of the game, Ewo rallied and the Police defence was hard pressed. The final whistle sounded with a blank sheet.

P.W.D. v. Hung Kui School.

These teams met at Happy Valley, the P.W.D. winning by four goals to one. Tong Fook-in opened the score for the P.W.D. and added one before the interval. Chui Ping-fai and Sui Ping-wo also scored for the P.W.D. in the first half. Chan Chung-pi scored for the School before the interval. The second half was more evenly contested, and was goalless. Just on time the P.W.D. were awarded a penalty, Li Fook-sang saving from the spot kick.

Midweek League table:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Athletic	11	9	1	1	10
S. China	9	8	1	2	18
Lam Long Wan	11	5	2	4	12
P.W.D. Chinese	11	5	3	3	11
Ewo Chinese	11	3	3	5	9
Police	11	3	2	6	8
Hung Kui School	10	1	0	9	2

AMERICAN BOXING.

STRIKING DISPOSES OF A HEAVY-WEIGHT.

Kansas City, Jan. 2.
"Young" Stribling knocked out Jack League, of Texas, the heavy-weight, with a right cross to the jaw, in the first round of a ten round contest. Stribling meets Jack Sharkey at Miami Beach on February 27, under the auspices of Tex Rickard. The winner will probably meet Jack Dempsey for the championship.—Reuter's American Service.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY'S TEAM FOR FIRST MATCH.

The following have been selected to represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's ground, on Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp.—A. A. Rumlan (Capt.), F. L. Ziemann, D. K. Samy, D. Lalor, O. W. Lam, A. P. Gutierrez, L. T. Ride, S. V. Gillins, E. A. Lee, A. T. Lee, D. J. N. Anderson.

BOXING PROMOTER.

OPERATED ON FOR ABDOMINAL TROUBLE.

New York, Jan. 2.
Mr. Tex Rickard has been operated on for abdominal trouble.—Reuter's American Service.

LAWN TENNIS.

KOWLOON INDIANS AGAIN BEAT C.S.O.R.C.

On New Year's Day, a return match between the C.S.O. Recreation Club and the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club was played on the latter's ground at King's Park, resulting in a second victory for the hosts who beat their opponents by 25 games.

The full scores were as follows:
Foros Ali and M. A. Khan (Kowloon Indians), beat Y. J. Khan and A. Chan 7-4; lost to J. A. Bendall and A. S. Sufliad 4-7; beat S. C. Siw and J. A. Peterson 7-4.

H. Singh and Firdos Khan beat Khan and Chan 10-1; lost to Bendall and Sufliad 6-6; beat Siw and Peterson 7-4.

Foros Ali and G. A. Khan beat Khan and Chan 8-3; beat Bendall and Sufliad 6-3; beat Siw and Peterson 8-3.

Total—Kowloon Indians 64; C. S. O. R. C. 35.

CRICKET GENIUS.



Walter Hammond, the young Gloucester professional, who at Melbourne yesterday made his second successive double century in the present series of Test matches in Australia.

HOCKEY.

MATCH BETWEEN MARRIED AND SINGLE MEMBERS.

A Singles v Married hockey match will be played by the members of the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club on Sunday, January 6, at 8.30 a.m. on the Marina ground. The teams will be as follows:

Married: Jem. Waris Khan, Jem. Makhan Singh, G. A. Khan, Jehan Dad, Ghulam Mohamed, Hoginder Singh, Naranjan Singh, Feroz Ali, Sub. Maj. Mangal Singh, Khushi Mohamed, and Mohamed Khan.

Singles: Ahmed Khan, Firdos Khan, Amir Khan, Antar Singh, Gur-bachan Singh, D. S. Das, Nur Khan, Shah Mohamed, Ghafur Ali, Ghulam Nabi and M. A. Khan.

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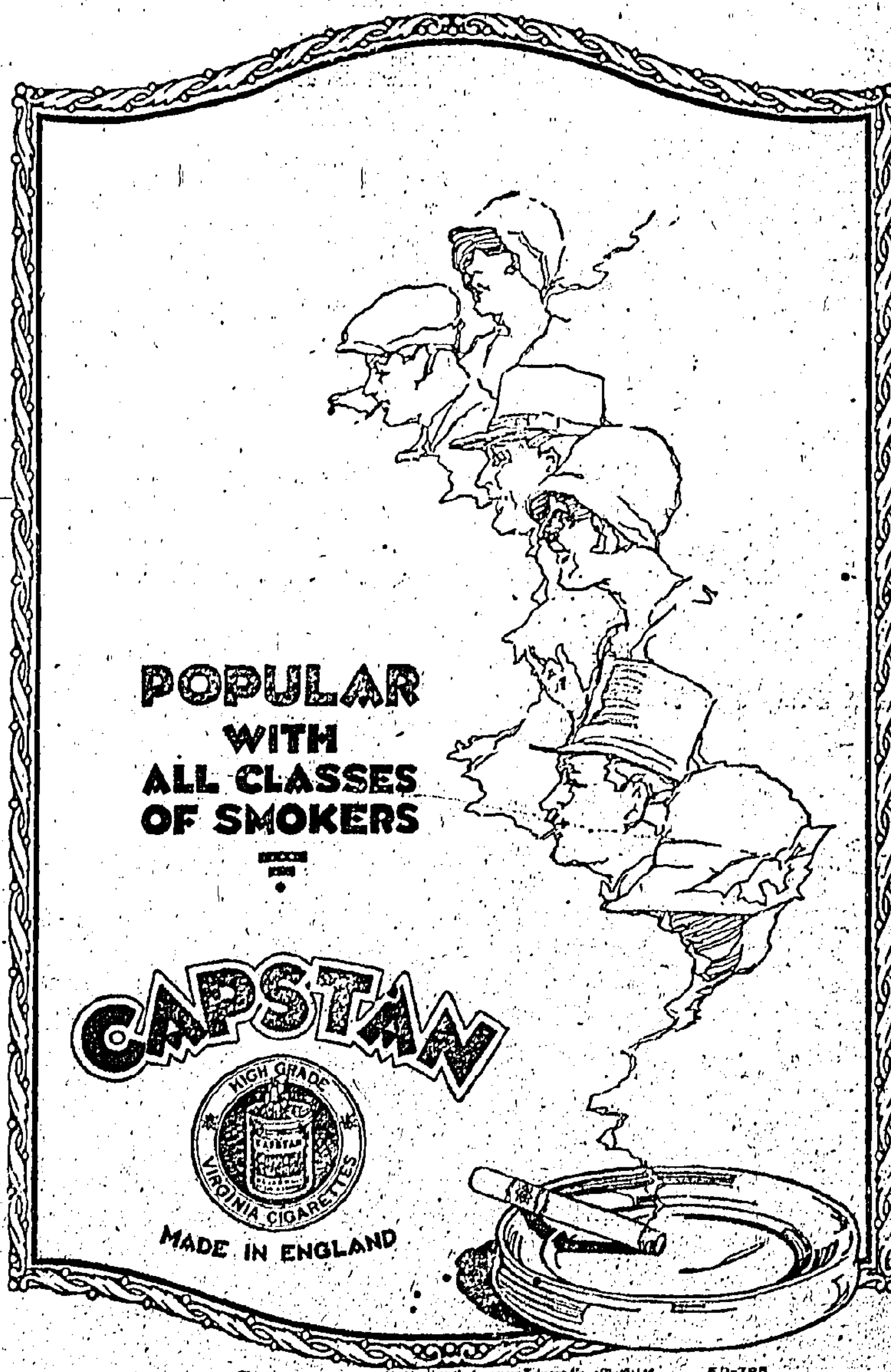
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SEAPLANE FLIGHT.

CHINESE VENTURE ENDS SUCCESSFULLY.

[By R. Vaughan-Fowler.]

Early on the morning of December 1 a small crowd gathered at Tai Sha Tau aerodrome to witness the start of the second Chinese long distance flight. The machine was the Ryan seaplane, fitted with a Wright "Whirlwind" engine, and the pilots were General Chan Hing-wan, Commanding the Boats Tigris, and Colonel Chau Yuk-kang, Commander of the Tai Sha Tau Training School. With them they had one mechanic, and a successful start was made at 8 a.m., the machine heading for Foochow where it arrived at 3 p.m. the same day.

Since then little has been heard of the aviators except the barest details as to their movements. This silence was broken on December 30 when the Ryan seaplane arrived over Canton at 3.15 p.m. Unfortunately the telegram saying they had started from Wuchow, their last stopping place, did not arrive until a few moments before they did, with the result that it was impossible to warn the officials and persons interested that the machine was expected. However, many people saw the machine over the city and rushed to the aerodrome, and by the time the aviators had brought the machine to rest at the air-way quite a considerable crowd had gathered to welcome the home-comers.

Among the first to arrive and offer congratulations was General Cheung Wai-cheung, the hero of the first Chinese long distance flight, followed by Admiral Chan Chik.

The party moved to the large assembly hall where a table was covered with cups, shields, medals and gifts for the aviators. As they were not expected till the following day many of the gifts had not been unpacked, several crates containing these, mostly from the Northern towns visited, being stored in the hall.

What the Flight Proved.

Speeches were made and all present were most enthusiastic. The scene, although on a smaller scale, was reminiscent of the arrival of Squadron Leader Hinkler, A.F.C., D.S.M., in Australia, after his flight from England on an Avro "Avian" fitted with a "Cirrus" engine.

From time to time I have advocated the use of seaplanes to establish the air routes of China, and this flight has proved that a seaplane can be used upon the rivers with the greatest of ease and with no previous organisation. If only from this point of view the flight has been of considerable value, and the experience gained by the officer taking part will greatly assist the Aviation Bureau in drawing up plans for aerial services to be put into operation in the near future.

Colonel Chau informed me that they had experienced few difficulties. At times he had to fly very low owing to clouds, and on one of the stages they had to pass a range of mountains wending through the valleys with the hills in the clouds on either side. Overcoming this difficulty, and successfully concluding the stage, reflects very great credit upon the pilots. The rivers had proved to be perfect landing and take off grounds and always convenient in relation to the places visited. Colonel Chau was of the opinion that a more powerful machine would be required in the future, as he said that they had found an insufficient reserve of power when confronted with high mountains.

Over 3,000 Miles.

More experience will have to be gained, but there is now no reason why seaplane aerial services should not be started within a few months. Thanks to the excellent rivers there is no need to wait for large aerodromes to be constructed, and quite apart from the delay that would be caused by waiting, the cost of establishing suitable grounds can be saved.

The total distance covered was 3,340 miles, in eleven flights. Actual times for the flights are of no value as the aviators spent much time investigating from the air the local conditions of places passed over, thus increasing the flying time from place to place very considerably. The route was as follows:—

Date.	Place of Departure.	Place of Arrival.	Miles.
1st.	Canton	Foochow	550
3rd.	Foochow	Ningpo	400
6th.	Ningpo	Hangchow	175
6th.	Hangchow	Shanghai	210
16th.	Shanghai	Nanking	275
18th.	Nanking	Nanchang	410
20th.	Nanchang	Hankow	270
23rd.	Hankow	Changsha	275
24th.	Changsha	Henchow	185
29th.	Henchow	Wuchow	470
30th.	Wuchow	Canton	120

Total miles flown 3,340

Successful Trip from Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

The first Chinese built seaplane to fly over a distance of 200 miles without a stop returned to Shanghai on Boxing Day after flying to Ningpo on the previous day. This is the E2 and it belongs to the Chinese Navy, being attached to the Shanghai Squadron.

The machine was in charge of Commanders Lam On, an aviator who received his training in Great Britain, and Chen Shen-fu, who was born and trained in the United States. It left Shanghai on Christmas morning and arrived in Ningpo two and a half hours later. On its return trip it took just less than two hours.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

HALF, HAIL, HOLT, MOLT, MOOT, MOON.

NEW YEAR WISHES.

MACAO SENDS GREETINGS TO HONGKONG.

The following telegrams passed between H. E. the Governor of Macao and H.E. the Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong on Tuesday and yesterday:

From Governor, Macao to Governor, Hongkong.
Wish Your Excellency and the Colony of Hongkong the greatest prosperity in the New Year, 1929, and the complete restoration of His Britannic Majesty.

From Governor, Hongkong to Governor, Macao.
I am deeply grateful to Your Excellency for your kind enquiries and good wishes regarding His Majesty's health which I regret to say still causes anxiety, though the latest information allows us to anticipate His Majesty's gradual restoration to complete health. I also thank Your Excellency for your New Year greetings and good wishes to the Colony of Hongkong and to myself. They are most heartily reciprocated. May all good fortune attend Your Excellency and the Colony of Macao throughout 1929 and future years.

ROAD AND RAIL.

IMPORTANT MERGERS OF RIVAL INTERESTS.

London, Jan. 2.
The Great Western Railway Company and the National Omnibus and Transport Company announce an agreement between them, under which a new company has been formed with an authorised capital of £1,000,000 to take over all road services for passengers now being run by the respective parties in an agreed area in the western counties.

The agreement, which has been rendered possible by the new road powers recently conferred on the railway companies by Parliament will effect co-ordination of road and rail transport facilities in the west of England.

An important development in road and rail transport also took place in Sheffield yesterday, when joint bus services operated by the Corporation and by the London and North-Eastern and London, Midland and Scottish Railways, were inaugurated.—*British Wireless.*

HUGE DONATIONS.

£82,330,000 GIVEN BY AMERICANS.

New York, Jan. 2.
It is estimated that wealthy Americans last year donated the record total of \$82,330,000 to different educational, scientific, religious and other causes. The list comprises nearly 500 individual gifts of a million dollars or over.

The largest benefactions were those of the millionaire sportsman, the late Mr. Payne Whitney, who gave over \$500,000 to libraries, hospitals and other institutions, and the Rockefeller donations totalling about \$30,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OBITUARY.

EUROPEAN DRAUGHTSMAN SMALL-POX VICTIM.

The death occurred at the Kennedy Town Isolation Hospital, yesterday, of Mr. Alfred E. Brown, a draughtsman of Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd., engineers and shipbuilders of Kowloon.

The late Mr. Brown only arrived in the Colony about two months ago on the P. and O. s.s. Malwa. He was taken ill just before Christmas and admitted to hospital. Later symptoms of small-pox developed and Mr. Brown was removed to the Isolation Hospital, death ensuing yesterday afternoon.

Only 26 years of age, his home is at Wellington Quay, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and much sympathy will be felt for his parents.

During his tragically brief stay in the Colony the late Mr. Brown met a number of people by whom he was well liked, and if he had lived would undoubtedly have enjoyed a wide circle of friends. He showed promise of easily entering into the life of the Colony, and his death after such a brief association with Hongkong is most keenly felt by his colleagues and others who had come in contact with him.

The funeral passes the Monument at 5 o'clock to-day.

Sir Charles Macara.

London, Jan. 2.
The death has occurred of Sir Charles Macara.—*Reuter.*

[The late Sir Charles Wright Macara was the first Baronet (created 1911). Born in Fifeshire in 1845, he was educated privately and at Edinburgh, and entered the cotton-spinning industry, in which he early became prominent, being a leader in the Manchester business. He was president of numerous conferences and cotton organisations, and settled a number of industrial disputes. He had conferred on him several foreign honours; and was head of various committees and associations connected with the cotton industry. His publications included a study of social and industrial reforms. His heir is his son, Mr. William Cowpar Macara, who was born in 1876.]

MURDER RECALLED.

POLICE WITHDRAW CHARGE AGAINST ONE MAN.

On the ground that there was no evidence against the man, the Police yesterday applied to Major C. Wilson, second Magistrate, for the discharge of Kam Lam-kwai, who was under remand until yesterday on a charge of murder of one Fung Man-chui on February 22 last year in Kennedy Road.

It will be recalled that Fung Man-chui was stabbed to death near Monmouth Bath whilst he was in the company of a lady. Recently the Police arrested two men, one who was discharged yesterday, and one who is under remand until Monday.

In making the application for the discharge of Kam, Inspector L. P. Lane said: "I am directed by Mr. King to ask that the charge against this man be withdrawn. We find that the evidence against him is insufficient and Mr. King does not wish that he be absolutely necessary."

The application was granted.

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All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Friday, the 11th January, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees, and the company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday the 8th January, 1929.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1929.

"ELDERMAN" LINE.

From EUROPE.

The Steamship,

"CITY OF MADRAS"

having arrived, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 7th January, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 14th January, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday, or Friday, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 6th January, 1929, 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 3rd January, 1929, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signed before the 9th January, 1929 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD. Agents.

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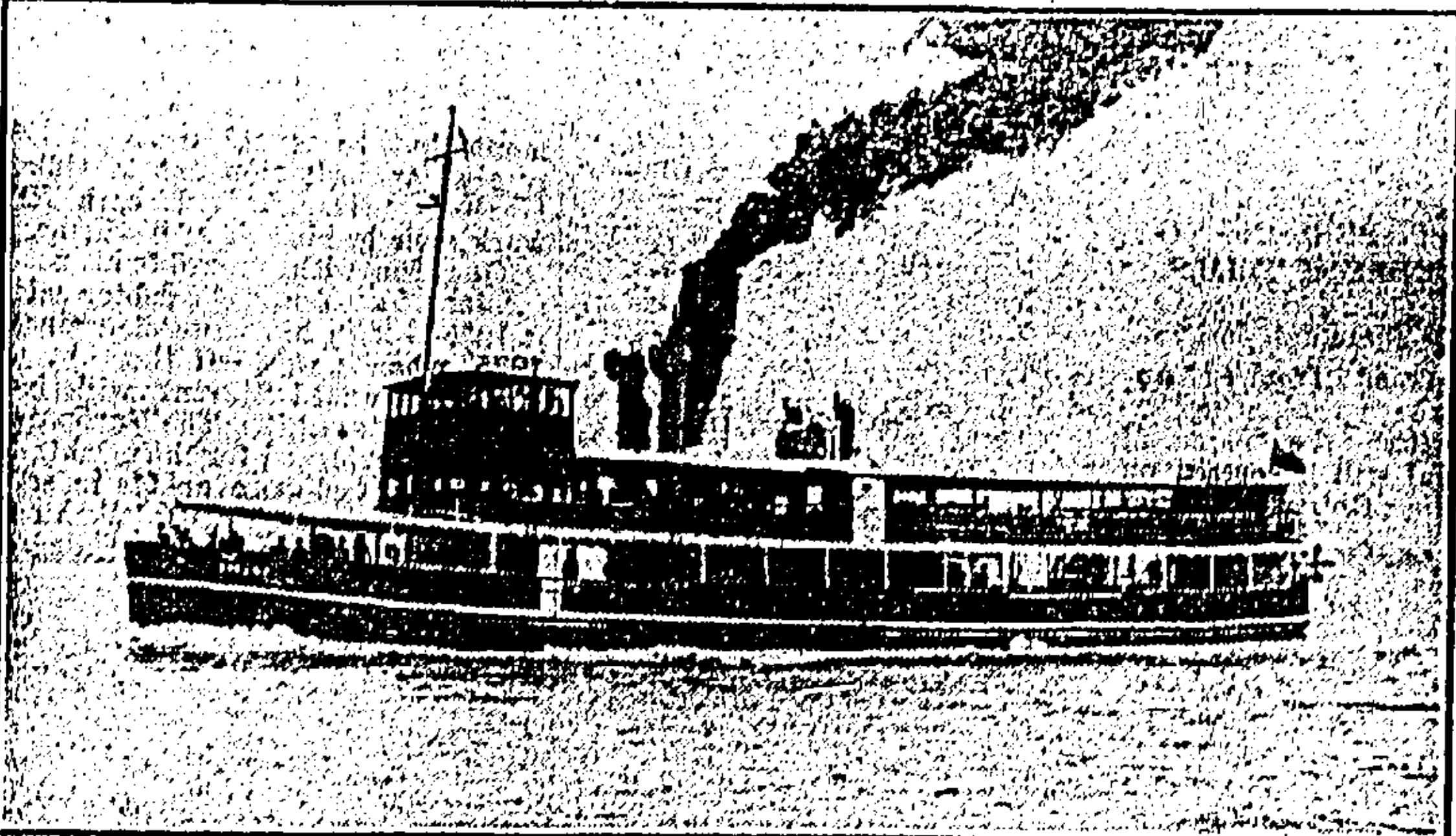
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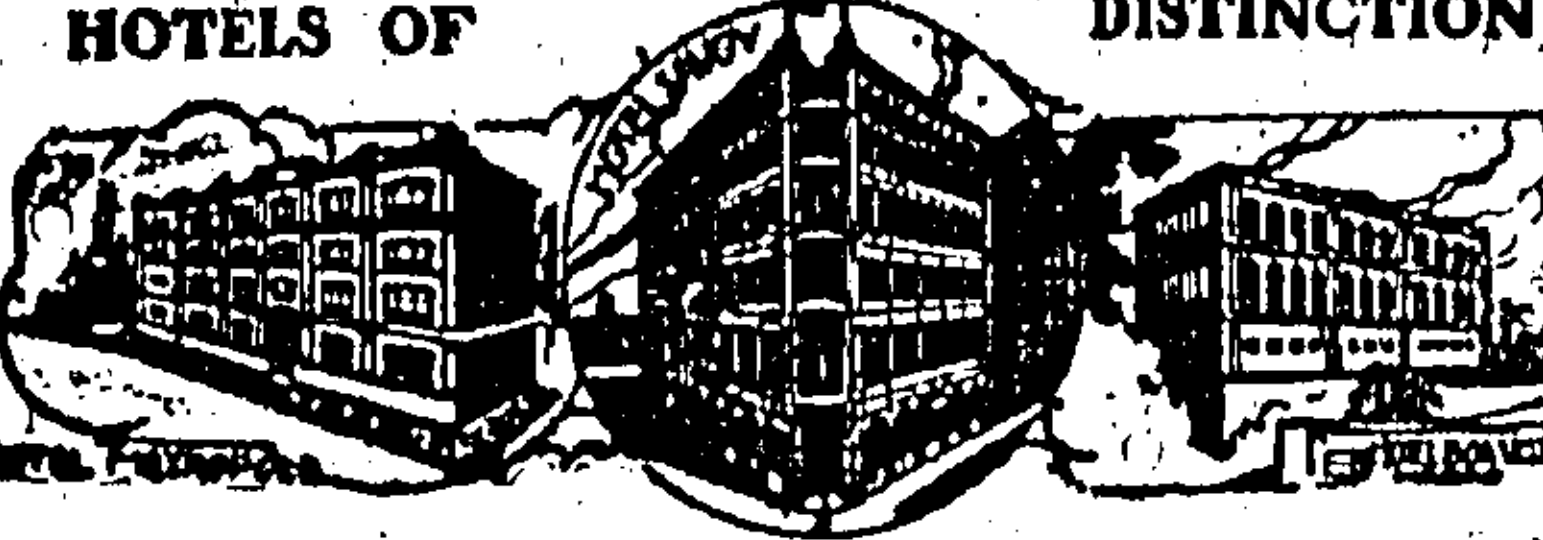
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SHANGHAI HOTEL ROBBERY.
YOUNG RUSSIAN IN THE DOCK.
SAYS HE WAS UNWITTING TOOL OF GERMAN.
THREAT OF DEATH.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.
Charged on remand in the Provisional Court yesterday with being concerned with another in the recent theft of more than \$10,000 worth of jewellery from the room of Mrs. E. Stewart at the Palace Hotel, a Russian youth named Sladovsky, strenuously denied his guilt and related how he unwittingly became the tool of another.

Accused also pleaded not guilty to a theft of a cine camera from the Celesta Co., in Bubbling Well Road with a Rumanian, Joseph Nadias, who was arrested by D. S. Satula as he was leaving the courtroom after the preliminary trial of his companion in the dock for the hotel theft.

Accused's Story.
The Russian's story, unfolded before Judge Shen and Senior Counsel's Deputy C. E. Whitmore yesterday, said he had unknowingly become the tool of a German.

The latter, he said, had a room in the hotel and invited him for tea, after which he offered to take the witness upstairs and introduce him to a lady friend.

Accused stated that he followed the man into a room. The former switched on the light and searched the place which gave accused the first warning that his companion was a thief.

Accused added that he wanted to leave the room but the German threatened to kill him if he did so.

Hurried Escape.
Soon a foreign lady, knocked and entered and the German muttered something to her in English which accused said he could not understand. His companion then made a dash for the staircase and accused said he followed in order not to be left in the lurch.

In his hurry, prisoner stated, he left his overcoat and a cigarette case bearing his initials behind.
They passed the night in another hotel and he was taken by his companion the following morning to a shop where he asked the man to compensate him for the loss of his things in the hotel. The German then handed him a packet which contained \$73 and two rings, one with a diamond setting and the other a jade setting.

After that they separated, agreeing to meet later in Nanking Road. He kept the appointment but his companion did not show up. On his return home he was arrested with the rings and money on him.

Prisoner Identified.
Prisoner was identified by a Japanese who told the court that he was the party who sold him a camera.

Accused strongly denied his guilt on this charge and declared that he was the victim of circumstances.

Questioned regarding the full name and whereabouts of the German, he mentioned, prisoner replied that it would be impossible now for him to locate the man.

Further evidence was given by the police who informed the court that Mrs. Stewart was sick and was unable to attend the proceedings. The two accused were remanded in police custody till January 10.

SHANGHAI OPIUM SCANDAL.
DIFFERENT PERSONS TO HAVE DIFFERENT TRIALS.

Shanghai, Jan. 2.
It is understood from an authoritative source that a trial in connexion with the Shanghai Opium Scandal will be opened on Friday in the Chinese district Court.

The defendants will be the detained Chinese seamen, and a few others.

It is, however, stated that the authorities have adopted a rather astonishing course with regard to the men regarded as the most important figures in the case.

Mr. Fu Chao-sen, the Chief of the Intelligence Department of the Gendarmes, for instance, one of the officials detained, and a number of the men in his command, will be subjected to an enquiry by the Nanking Military Administrative Council. They will not appear in the Shanghai trial.

MAGNIFICENT ART COLLECTION.
SPECIAL DUTCH EXHIBITION AT ROYAL ACADEMY.
PRICELESS PICTURES.

London, Jan. 2.
No fewer than eight hundred and twenty paintings, drawings and objects d'art in silver and glass, constituting the greatest collection of Dutch art ever shown, was opened to-day for public exhibition at the Royal Academy.

The pictures, some of which are priceless, have been brought from the ends of the earth for the exhibition. They include a large number of Rembrandts, each of which is worth a fortune, lent by His Majesty the King, American millionaire art collectors, and British peers.

The great Dutch galleries of the exhibition will remain open for three months.

It was arranged by the most distinguished connoisseurs of England and Holland. After the inaugural ceremony, a luncheon was given at which the food and drinks supplied were exclusively Dutch, being brought from Holland specially for the occasion.

Art-lovers from all over England are expected in London during the next month or two with a view to paying a visit to the Royal Academy.—*Reuter.*

SWATOW FERRY CAPSIZES.

CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF LIFE THOUGHT LIKELY.

CROWDED LAUNCH.

The *Telegraph* correspondent at Swatow reports that an accident has occurred in connexion with one of the launches running in to Swatow from Kiyang, after the Winter Solstice holiday.

As usual, crowds of passengers joined the launch at the successive stopping places, and at one of these the small boat on which the passengers are ferried out to the launch capsized, and all were thrown into the water.

At the time of writing, the number of casualties is unknown, but it is feared that there must have been considerable loss of life.

Journey by launch after the different holidays in the year is always perilous. Regulations as to the number of passengers to be carried are not enforced, and those returning to their work and business after the few days at home crowd the vessels, which tend to heel over with the movement of the passengers to the side. On this occasion, the danger attended not the launch itself, but the ferry which supplied it.

COTTON MAGNATE'S DEATH.

SIR CHARLES MACARA'S BUSY LIFE.

London, Jan. 2.
The late Sir Charles Macara, the well-known cotton magnate, who died to-day at his home at Altrincham, Cheshire, aged nearly 83, was recognised all over the world as one of the kings of the cotton industry.

Despite his age, he had applied his wisdom and experience since the war to grappling with the troubles of Lancashire. He was Chairman of the Provisional Emergency Cotton Committee set up in 1922; from 1892 to 1926 he was Chairman of the Manchester Cotton Employers' Association; and from 1894 to 1914 he was President of the English Federation of Master Cotton Spinners.

Outside the business sphere, Sir Charles Macara was prominently identified with the national lifeboat movement.—*British Wireless.*

SOUTH AMERICAN DISPUTE.

ARGENTINE NOT WILLING TO HELP.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 2.
Argentina has refused the invitation by the Pan-American Conference to appoint a representative to the Commission to settle the dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay. Argentina had already offered to mediate, but Bolivia made reservations; hence Argentina's abstention.—*Reuter.*

BANKRUPT MOTOR CAR OWNER.
EXPLAINS DEALINGS TO COURT.
HIRE-PURCHASE CARS WHICH DID NOT PAY.
BORROWED MONEY.

Complicated dealings in public motor-cars were described at the Bankruptcy Court this morning, when the public examination of Hsu Pak-yan, of 15, Sing Wo Road, was held.

Debtor said that he was forty years of age and had been employed by the Dragon Motor Company since 1914. His wages were \$150. He received no commission of any sort, and never sold cars for the Company.

He bought a Hudson car from the Company under a hire-purchase agreement in 1927, agreeing to pay \$3,000. He made an initial payment of \$600 and was to pay \$200 for twelve months. When there was only \$350 remaining to be paid, he defaulted and the Company seized the car. While the car was in his possession, he let it out for public hire. He had no arrangement with the Company whereby he could get the vehicle back again.

Borrowed Money.

He borrowed money from an Indian money-lender in order to pay the first instalment, receiving \$600 and signing for \$1,200. He had to sign for double the amount before he could get the money he needed to buy the car. Asked why he signed double the amount, debtor said he was asked to do so.

Sir Henry Gollan thought debtor would spend his life in bankruptcy if that was the way in which he did business.

In answer to questions by the Official Receiver, debtor said that he borrowed a further \$600, intending to repay from the takings of his car. He also bought a second vehicle, an Austin, from the Dragon Company in the following month, paying \$1,240 for it in cash with borrowed money. In the same month, he had paid \$600 on the first car.

He employed two drivers, paying them \$45 and \$70 a month respectively. The cars were garaged at the Dragon Company's premises, the rent for the two cars being \$30 a month.

No Profits Made.

In the first month, he made a profit on his cars of \$200, but he had never made any money since. The Hudson car was seized last October and the other was still in his possession.

Why did you keep running these cars month after month when you made a loss on them?—I had to pay my instalments.

And you thought losing money was a good way of paying the instalments?—I had hoped that my car would not be seized. After I had paid my instalments, I could have paid my creditors.

What, if you were making a loss?—I could sell the car. Asked why he had not sold the car, debtor said that he could not find a buyer.

A Third Car.

Questioned with regard to an interest in a third car, debtor said he went half-shares with an Indian, paying \$250. He got rid of his share, however, when the car failed to make a profit, and received his money back. This was a Dodge car, which was garaged in the ground floor of 61, Wong Nei Chong Road.

Debtor admitted that he repaired motor cars and motor cycles at his home, saying that repairs were done for friends and he never received payment, but he would occasionally receive an invitation out to dinner. He had never received cash for work done by himself at his home.

Question with regard to his possession of a motor cycle, debtor said it had been in his possession since 1925, when it was left there by a European named Stevens, with instructions to sell it. The European had never returned for the machine, and debtor had been unable to sell it.

The examination was concluded.

WEATHER FORECAST.

To-day's Observatory report states that the typhoon is still shown to the N.E. of Japan. The anticyclone now appears as a belt of high pressure stretching from the Yangtze Valley to South Manchuria. The monsoon will moderate. The forecast till noon tomorrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; overcast at first, clearing later.

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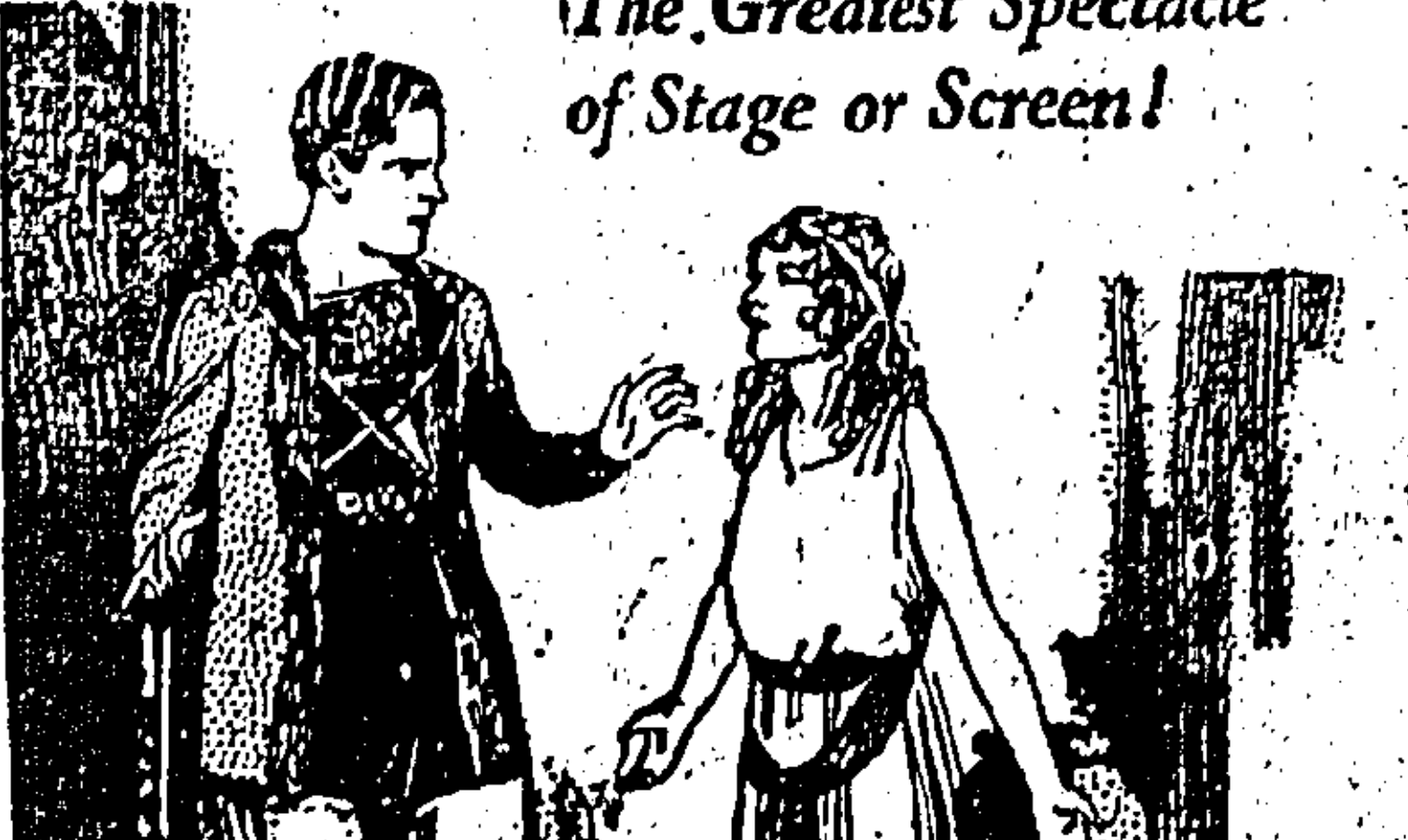
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